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FROST ON THE MOUNTAIN

I AM DEEP, DEEP IN FROST COUNTRY WITH over 120 people who have gathered at Bread Loaf to attend a conference on Robert Frost. Bread Loaf is hallowed ground for these Frost fans and scholars because Frost roamed these very corridors and lived just a short hike from Middlebury's mountain campus.

The conference participants are a diverse lot, among them the usual suspects (English teachers, graduate students, and poets), a large and distinguished academic contingent including heavy-hitters like Middlebury's own Jay Parini, Robert Pack, and Robert Hill, and there's also an interesting assortment of realtors and housewives, businessmen and artists.

Frost probably would have been pleased by the diversity of the crowd assembled. As his granddaughter, Lesley Lee Francis, mentioned in a roundtable discussion, Frost prided himelf on the accessibility of his poetry, a contrarian stand in 1930 when difficulty was a hallmark of modern poetry.

Peter Stanlis '42 illustrated this anti-intellectual bent with an anecdote from 1953 when Frost read "Fire and Ice" at Bread Loaf. After the reading Frost walked out onto the west lawn and a woman came out and said, "Oh Mr. Frost, I loved that poem you recited, 'Fire and Ice.' Could you please tell me what it means?"

"Oh sure," Frost said. "Some say the world will end in fire,/ Some say in ice./ From what I've tasted of desire/ I hold with those who favor fire./ But if it had to perish twice,/ I think I know enough of hate/ To know that for destruction ice/ Is also great/ And would suffice.

"That's what it means."

Personal anecdotes like these are the currency of this gathering. They are shared like precious jewels. And though people with a personal memory of Frost may be becoming fewer as years go by, there are still many who remember hearing Frost read during the middle decades of this century. Robert Burton, a retired businessman from Evanston, Illinois, is here today because he heard Frost read in 1948 when Burton was a student at the University of Iowa. Although Frost suffered terribly from shyness at first, he became a powerful public speaker, one people remembered hearing for years.

About 40 years ago, Frost gave a reading at Dartmouth, and two little girls were taken to the event by one of their fathers. They twitched and whispered through the reading. When Frost finished, the father, poet Richard Eberhart, took the girls firmly in hand and marched them to the front of Webster Hall to meet his friend and colleague. Frost solemnly shook their little hands, and they ran back to their seats, giggling, leaving the poets to discuss more weighty, grown-up matters.

This is one of the few days I remember from that far back in my childhood. I was one of those little girls. Gretchen Eberhart was the other. Was it the grown-ups' respect and awe for the man that made this memory so indelible? Or simply the aura of an elderly man with a shock of white hair. Whatever it was, I realize I, too, am one of those people carrying a tiny, but unforgettable, little jewel of Frostiana.—*RM*

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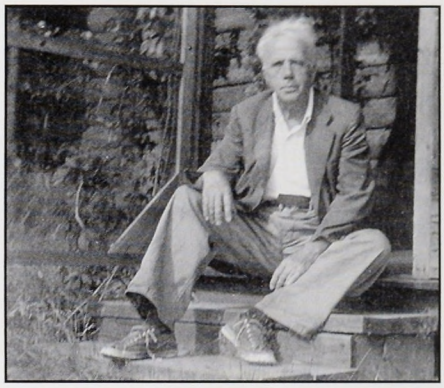
Hindsight on Frost

Professor Jay Parini, in his monumental book, *Robert Frost: A Life*, unknowingly may have helped some alumni understand their skeptical reactions to Frost when they talked with him in a Middlebury classroom in the 1930s. It was probably in 1936 when Professor Reginald Cook brought a surprise guest to one of his American literature classes. Robert Frost, who was to become the nation's best-loved poet, received only mixed reviews from our group.

I remember telling friends at lunch that he was "a pretty old guy" who had a hard time staying awake, even under "Doc" Cook's persistent and enthusiastic questioning. (Frost was only in his 60s, but to us that was old). He seemed very tired, even ill. Others thought his homespun writings were simplistic, and most of us didn't agree with his dislike for Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose economic programs were helping us to stay in college.

We later tried to explain to Professor Cook, who idolized his old friend, that we were not being disrespectful, just critical. We were products of the Depression and, in many ways, were as anti-establishment in the 1930s as our children's generation in the 1970s. However, we might have been more sympathetic if we had known then what we know now, thanks to Jay Parini's fascinating account of the poet's ever troubled life.

At the time Frost visited our class, Parini reveals, he was still mourning the death of his daughter Marjorie in 1934, was caring for his seriously ill wife, Elinor, who died in 1938, and was concerned over the mental health of other family members, including a son who later committed suicide. Frost had been on a series of tiring lecture trips and was diagnosed with "nervous exhaustion;" all this in addition to the despair and anxiety he had suffered for most of his life.



Robert Frost in Ripton

Despite problems which would have overwhelmed most people, Frost led a highly productive life for another quarter century, and we came to realize that, back in that classroom, we had indeed been in the presence of an American treasure.

This summer, Frost's poem "Mending Wall," was cited by opponents on both sides of an ongoing controversy in New Jersey over public access to ocean beaches. One beach in particular, a long-time gathering place for Midd students and their families, was recently sold to developers, who promptly fenced it off and began to build multimillion dollar homes on the dunes.

A letter writer to an area newspaper, trying to justify the actions of the developers, quoted Frost's well-known line, "Good fences make good neighbors."

Not so fast, wrote another letter writer, read on. Frost's personal opinion on fences was more likely to be found in what followed:

"Before I built a wall I'd ask to know/ What I was walling in or walling out, / And to whom I was like to give offence./ Something there is that doesn't love a wall./ That wants it down."

Would Robert Frost, the walker, take down the fences so he could better "hear the breakers' sullen roar," as he once wrote? Who knows? Don't draw too many conclusions from my poetry, he often said.

Marshall Sewell '37
Whiting, NJ

Cost of Education

President McCardell's letter was certainly a disappointment. It was mostly about buildings and little to do with education. Mostly I was disappointed that he did not address the escalating cost of a Middlebury education. When I entered in 1950, the costs were in the hundreds of dollars and the endowment was $10 million. It was one of the more affordable, small liberal arts colleges in the Northeast. Currently it stands as one of the most expensive. Every year in my memory costs have risen more than the rate of inflation.

I am quite sure that when adjusted for inflation, costs have more than doubled and am equally sure that the current quality of education is not twice as good as the excellent one I received.

Hart Peterson M.D. '54
Scituate, MA

Restore Midd-Norwich Football

I noted (Spring 1999 edition) with some interest that the Middlebury Panther football team will be playing an exhibition game in France over Thanksgiving week, in late November 1999. Playing this game gives rise to another issue: why we ever stopped playing Norwich, which was traditionally the last game of the season for both teams. The "official" word from both the Middlebury and Northfield campuses is that Middlebury's entry into their current league doesn't permit another game, particularly a nonleague game. So be it—rules are rules, even if they are dumb, and even if they mean the end of a long, spirited cross-state rivalry. But if Middlebury can play an exhibition game in France in late

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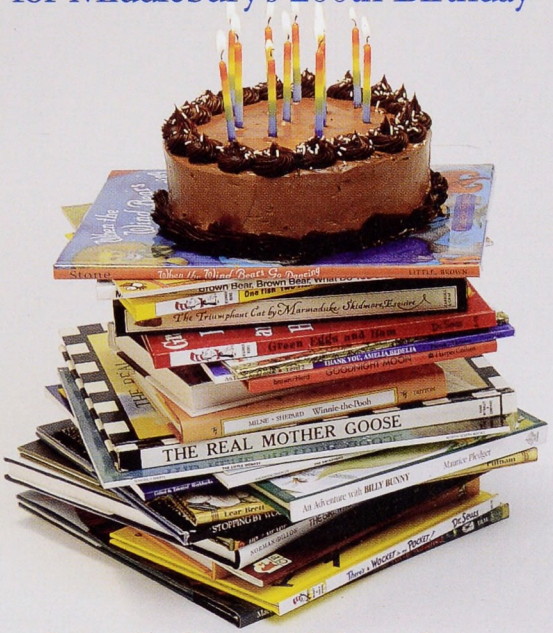

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November, why can't they play an exhibition game with Norwich in early or mid-November, in either Middlebury or Northfield? Lots of Vermonters miss the traditional wrap-up of the Vermont college football season.

The continuation of the Middlebury-Norwich football rivalry should be a top priority for both schools. If league rules get in the way, call it an exhibition game, and play it for a deserving Vermont charity. Call it anything you want, but get the game going again!

Edward A. Miller, Jr. '70
Northfield, VT

She Set High Medical Standards

Turning sadly from the battle of semantics in your summer issue 1999, I was delighted to read the class notes of the Class of 1922. I also congratulate Carolyne Hayward Reed on her birthday this past Saint Patrick's Day. And I know well the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt-am-Main, Germany. First, it was heart warming to see that Carolyne Reed had seved as an army nurse in the Second World War. As a member of

the Middlebury Class of 1922, she had to be quite a senior nurse—a major or lieutenant colonel perhaps. As so many Middlebury alumni did in that war (as evidenced by the frequent mention of such service in the obituaries), she did Middlebury proud. Second, Carolyne Reed's influence was probably still being felt at the 97th General Hospital in 1952 when I took a preliminary step which eventually led me to Middlebury. It was there that I flunked four parts of the physical examination for entrance to the United States Military Academy. By identifying disqualifications early, I was able to remedy

them and enter West Point. In the 1960s I received my M.A. from Middlebury and returned to teach German at the Military Academy. Thank you, Carolyne Reed—for your World War II service and for helping set high medical standards.

Ray Bell
M.A. German '66
Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY

Reservations about Lovers

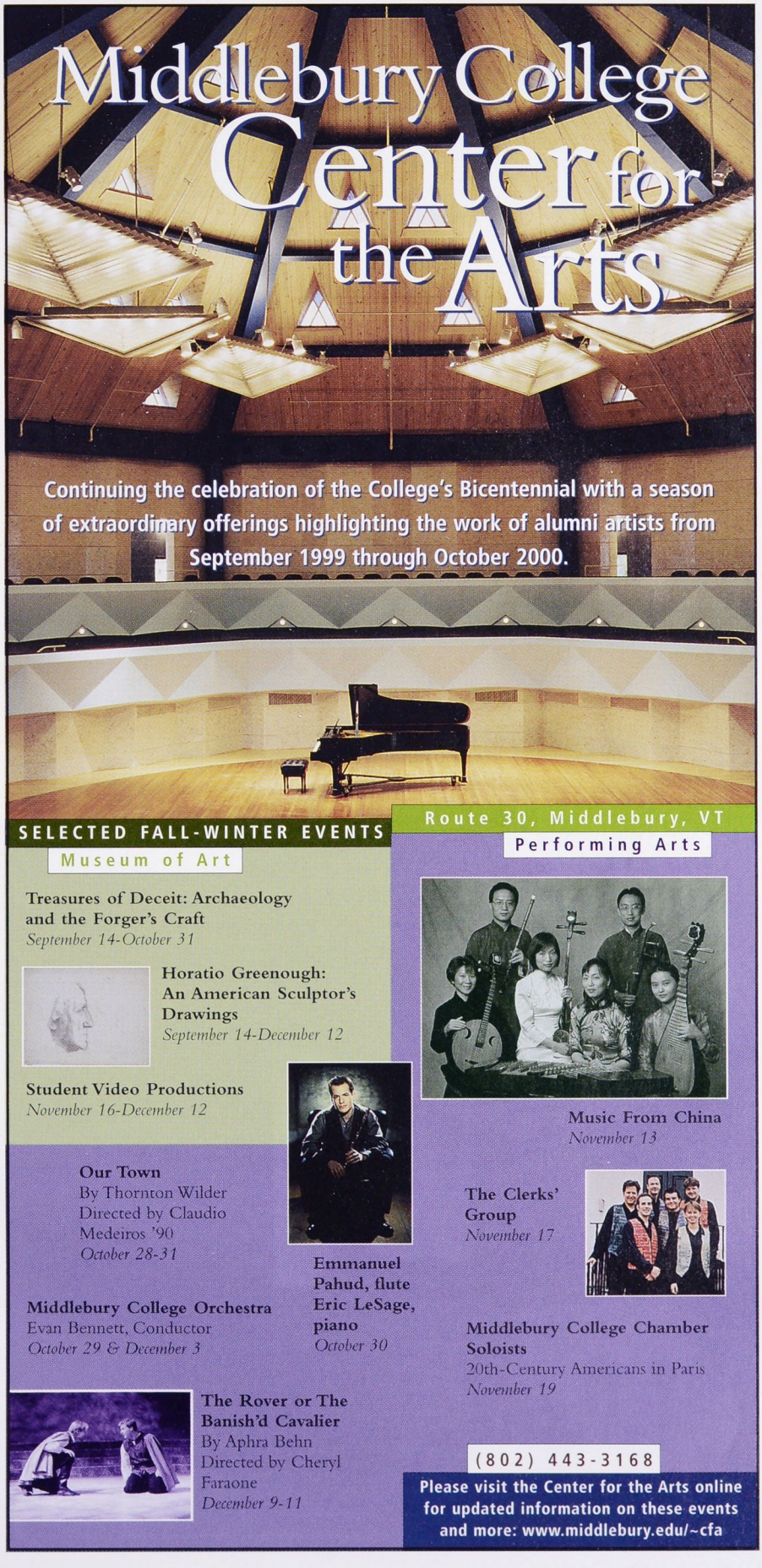
I came upon the discussion for the first time reading the letters to the editor in the summer issue of the magazine. So though I didn't see the writings that came before, I think I can sympathize with the editor's reservations about the word "lover."

I find "lover" problematic, as apparently the editor did, because it clearly has strong associations of an illicit, purely sexual relationship. A married man, or woman, married or not, took a lover. We Gay people have an uphill battle in teaching the heterosexual majority that our identities have sexual components, just as theirs do, but just like the majority, we are about much more than sex. We are human beings first, and it is a gross distortion to reduce us to our sexual identities.

And so what word to use to name our long-term sexual and emotional companionships? Let it be "partner" most of the time, sterile as that sounds, until someone develops a fitting new word, and "lover" among those who use the word without the negative associations. (Maybe we should look to foreign languages for inspiration; right now I'm thinking of the Spanish word *pareja*, which means pair/couple and partner in the sense of a dance partner.) And most important, let the use of the word QUEER disappear. Regrettably it's become a favorite among academics. But no matter how much you use it, you will not lose its pain.

John T. Moran
M.A. Spanish '70
Jackson Heights, NY

P.S. My companion and I will observe the eighth anniversary of our first meeting in December. Who can tell me when we'll be able to say "anniversary of our marriage?"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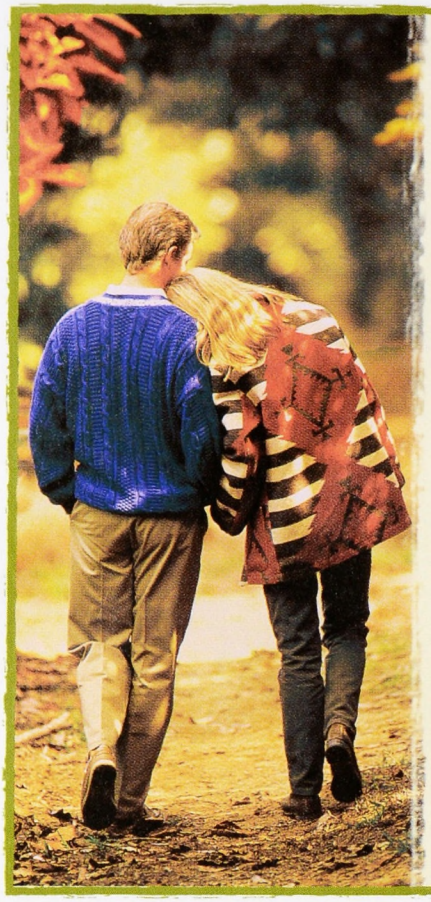

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Sex Implicit in Weddings, Births

In 1992, I married a member of the opposite sex in a state-sanctioned ceremony, and my marriage was recorded in the pages of *Middlebury Magazine*. I admit that while I did not marry in order to have sex, I have had an ongoing sexual relationship with my husband. I guess that I am blessed that the terms "marriage" and "husband" are both available to me and deemed sufficiently inoffensive to cover up this aspect of our relationship. The guidelines by which the magazine is attempting to protect its readers should preclude any future reporting of weddings and most certainly preclude reporting on the birth of children conceived in the traditional manner.

It is painful enough to listen to politicians attempt to legislate against committed relationships (I don't need my marriage "defended")—does the alumni magazine have to insult its readers? All alumni should be treated with equal consideration.

Jessie Saacke '84
Cambridge, MA

Discourteous or Obtuse?

I am writing to add my voice to the chorus of protests in the Summer 1999 edition of *Middlebury Magazine* in response to your handling of Paul Cody's letter and its use of the terms lover and co-parent. Perhaps even more troubling to me than your original editorial choice not to print these terms—offensive as that choice was—was your unapologetic, discourteous, and utterly unjustifiable response to his letter of complaint; this was a classic case of adding insult to injury. The specious distinction you made in that response between editing words and editing lifestyles was clearly either disingenuous or obtuse. In neither case was it worthy of the editor of the alumni magazine of a college that prides itself on excellence in the liberal arts.

Christopher Rivers
M.A. French '84
Granby, MA

Editor's Note:
We have heard from many of you on this issue, both through letters to the editor and through phone calls and visits. There has been almost unanimous agreement that

people should be free to call their significant others "lovers" if they so choose. Discussions with class secretaries, who are on the front line of class notes submissions, produces the same opinion. Language evolves, and so do we. Henceforth "lovers" are welcome in this magazine. Christening the new class notes editorial policy is Michael Culp, who writes, "Given the recent controversy over committed same-sex relationships, I would be remiss (not to mention complicit) if I did not send in the following submission for the alumni class notes.

T. Michael Culp '82 is a naturopathic physician living in Asheville, NC, with his lover, Jason Watson. Michael works for Great Smokies Diagnostic Laboratory and travels around the country lecturing about functional medicine to other physicians. He also has a small family medical practice and writes a regular column for *Healthy Living* magazine. His e-mail address is Michael Culp@gsdl.com.

Disgruntled By Makeover

There is much that is wonderful and good about Middlebury College, and I cherished my time there under the tutelage of such great professors as John Elder, Steve Trombulak (who was poorly profiled in the last issue), Bill Hart, and Janine Clookey, but there is also something pathological and frightening about this place that I love. It measures success by family trees that include 22 graduates. That a college could pride itself on blemishing the landscape of a small, Vermont town (see *Northern Exposure*, Summer '99) and proudly include a photograph of two students in a sport utility vehicle zooming toward the scar that is the new science facility is a sad commentary on the values of this changing institution. The caption to that photograph said, with annoying arrogance, "All roads lead to Middlebury." It should have said you can now see Bicentennial Hall from nearly all roads that lead to Middlebury. How smug that Sarah Varney's [*sic*, Beth Whitney '95] quaint portrayal of the Addison County Field Days should say, "...[D]on't skip the Ferris wheel; it has a view to beat any other in the county (presuming that we'll be asked to keep off the roof of the new science center, that is)."

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Is Hate a Crime?

MEAD CHAPEL was full up to the balcony with students, faculty, and staff eager to hear the *wunderkind* of American journalism talk about hate. Andrew Sullivan, known equally for his brilliance and for his controversial opinions, spoke as part of a two-day visit under the Twilight Scholar's Program. His academic bonafides were impressive (honors from Oxford, Ph.D. from Harvard), as was his experience as a writer, editor, and public policy pundit (youngest-ever editor of the *New Republic*, currently contributing editor to the *New York Times Magazine*, and author of several books).

While at Harvard, Sullivan met and became friends with associate professor of political science Allison Stanger. She confided, as she introduced him to the crowd at Mead, that she'd actually had a crush on him when she first met him, before she realized he was "batting for the other team." The *Seinfeld* reference evoked chuckles.

Which brought to the fore Sullivan's particular slant on the subject at hand. Sullivan is gay. Famously gay. He has talked about his homosexuality and written about it extensively. Middlebury was anxious to hear his views, since the College has been grappling with issues of diversity as they manifest themselves in both the curriculum and in the civility of life on the campus. Recently the bulletin boards for Middlebury's Open Queer Alliance (moqa), Feminist Action at Middlebury (FAM), and the African American Alliance (AAA) had been vandalized, and in response the chaplain's office sponsored a "Stop the Hate Vigil," so the topic of bigotry and hate was of more than academic interest.

Sullivan knows hate like Eskimos know snow. He has studied it in all its forms and gradations—hate emanating from knowledge and hate emanating from ignorance; obsessive hate, hysterical hate, and narcissistic hate; group hatred and individual hatred; political hatred and personal hatred.

But when Sullivan asked rhetorically: "What can we do about hate?" His answer, "Not much," disappointed some. "It is an integral part of human nature," he continued. "You can't ultimately change the visceral response people have to you."

Not that Sullivan doesn't believe in strict equality under the law. He does. He's an activist in lobbying for equality for gays in the military and for gay marriage. But he was careful to draw the distinction between institutionalized hatred as witnessed in Serbia, Nazi Germany, or Rwanda, and personal hatred.

Some examples of "hate crimes," he said, weren't that at all, but simply bursts of anger or one-time stupidities on the part of basically decent people.

Some in the audience at Mead listened skeptically as Sullivan contended that if people want to be racist or sexist or homophobic in their personal lives, that is their perogative.

Andrew Sullivan: "The right of the bigot is the right of the drag queen."

"The right of the bigot is the right of the drag queen," he said, illustrating with some levity his belief that more legislation is not the answer.

"Hatred can't be stopped. It's in all of us. It can only be overcome. We can try and persuade others by faith and love, but we will at some point fail. We have to, at some point, let it go."

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Stone by Stone

PIETER BROUCKE, an assistant professor of history of art and architecture, stands before a crowd of nearly 40 students and faculty in the Wonnacott Commons living room to talk about a project dear to his heart. The Belgian-born Broucke began a love affair with Greece (and with archaeology) nearly 20 years ago as an architecture student, and he was thrilled to be able to bring Middlebury students to Greece last summer, and to bring Greece to Middlebury tonight.

Slides of Greece flash by, a map of a mountain, an excavation site at Messene, huge blocks of a ruined temple, and the happy faces of an archaeology team (including four Middlebury students) that worked with Broucke for four weeks last summer on the Messene Reconstruction Project.

Broucke and Frederick Cooper (University of Minnesota), codirectors of this archaeological site at Messene, are in the process of physically reconstructing a building known as a *heroon*, or hero shrine. Though they are now joining stone to stone, before they got to this point, the building had to be put together on paper. For this, Broucke's experience in architectural design came in handy—he holds a professional degree in architecture from Ghent, Belgium, as well as an M.A. in archaeology from the University of Minnesota and an M.A. and a Ph.D. in art history from Yale University.

Since most of the blocks have strayed far from their original locations, a team of workers is crucial to the reassembly. This team included Mark Bassett '99, Quinn Raymond '00, Katherine Curtis '00, and Brian Quiros '00, who joined Broucke last summer as part of MiRA (Middlebury Research in Archaeology). The team sorted and catalogued each block, then stored them in rows called block fields around the temple site. Slides during the Wonnacott presentation demonstrated their hard labor locating blocks from the block field and moving them, suspended by means of an elaborate strapping system from the front of a bulldozer, to the reconstruction site.

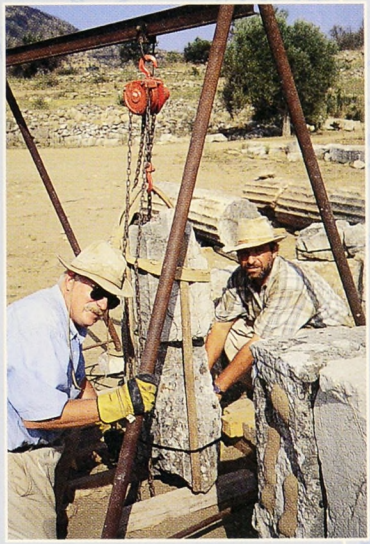
"It was a physically demanding, mentally challenging, emotionally straining experience," Mark Bassett says. "And absolutely amazing. I loved it."

Students received one academic credit for this five-week experience. Broucke admits the 20-hour days constitute "a very hard-earned credit," though an extremely valuable experience because the project gives students the opportunity "to get involved with Greek architecture in a way that cannot be done in the classroom," said Broucke. "And they get to know students from other institutions; this summer they joined students from Notre Dame, the University of Minnesota, and Columbia University.

The Messene Project will continue in upcoming summers, and Broucke hopes to take another group of interested Middlebury students with him to continue this six-year labor of love.

"Twenty years ago I went to Greece and it changed my life. I'm so happy to see that experience happen again, to these students."

For more information, contact Professor Broucke at broucke@middlebury.edu



Top: Codirectors of the site, Professor Pieter Broucke (right) and Frederick Cooper.
Left: The crew, with the reconstructed facade on the ground awaiting re-erection.
Bottom: The Arcadian Gate at Messene.

ONE DAY IN OCTOBER

LAST SPRING students in the Mountain Club had a crazy idea. They wanted to celebrate the upcoming bicentennial in a different way, a Mountain Club way. Why not, they proposed to the Bicentennial Steering Commitee, get Middlebury students, alumni, faculty, and staff to climb, on one day, each of the 50 peaks higher than 4,000 feet in the Adirondacks and Green Mountains. If this thing took off, they thought as many as 200 climbers might take to the mountains.

Several months and several hundred phone calls and e-mails later, over 400 climbers in Vermont and New York and 100 Middlebury people in 24 countries on 6 continents laced up their hiking boots and climbed a peak for Middlebury. Though the day was chilly in the Northeast and some peaks were fog-bound, the hikes were a resounding success.

Kate Webber Punderson '94, adviser to this extravaganza, marveled at the response. "We got calls from people around the world," she says. "It far exceeded our expectations." Alums and students hiked in Ecuador and Hong Kong, Israel and Morocco. Thomas Murray '91 hiked up Mt. Omul in Romania, and Miranda Hillyard '01, who is studying abroad, climbed Castle Hill in Australia.

Punderson credits the students in the Mountain Club, particularly Emily Howe '01 and Jeff Phillippe '01, who had the idea and pushed it forward. Mountain Club students led each hike in Vermont and New York, carrying with them a disposable camera to record Midds on 50 summits on one day in October.

Photo above: W. Storrs Lee '28 took this photograph of his classmates at the ridge of Mount Mansfield. Expressing enthusiasm about this event, Lee wrote, "Approaching a 94th birthday, I would prove to be an impediment to even a group ascension of Chipman Hill, but as photographic contributor to the extravaganza, and one of the founders of Middlebury's Mountain Club, perhaps I should be entitled to receipt of a souvenir medium sized T-shirt?"

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4,865 (10% increase)

PERCENT ACCEPTED
26% (31% last year)

NUMBER ADMITTED
1,244 (10% decrease)

AVERAGE COMBINED SAT
1,390 (1,380 last year)

STUDENTS OF COLOR
93 (82 last year)

FOREIGN NATIONALS
59 (40 last year)

STATES REPRESENTED
44 (43 last year)

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
32 (28 last year)

TOP 5 OVERLAP SCHOOLS

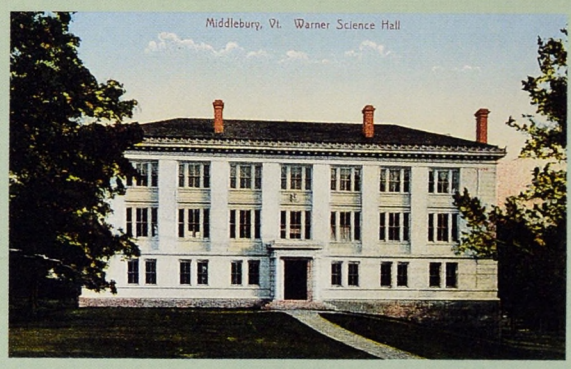
1. Dartmouth (Dartmouth)
2. Brown (Williams)
3. Amherst (Amherst)
4. Williams (Georgetown)
5. Georgetown (Wesleyan)

SPECIAL TALENTS

- Actor Toby Lawless '03 appeared in *Ten Things I Hate About You*, three Disney films, *Northern Exposure* and *Bill Nye the Science Guy*.
- Katherine Hoeschler '03 is a two-time World Champ birler (a birler stands on and "rolls" a cedar log floating in the water while attempting to dislodge her competitor).
- Gourmet chefs Jamie Davis '03 and John Prescott '03 have both attended culinary institutes and their original recipes appear in cookbooks.

RECOLLECTIONS

1901: NEW SCIENCE CENTER OPENS



TO CITIZENS AND FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE. The new Science Hall of Middlebury College, erected and furnished at a cost of $82,500 by Ezra J. Warner of Chicago, is nearly completed. Before moving the apparatus into the building there is to be a formal opening today. From 8 to 10 this evening all the rooms in the building will be lighted and thrown open to the public. All the citizens of the village and friends of the college are cordially invited to visit the building at that time, when the uses of the various rooms and furniture will be explained by the heads of the several departments for whose use the building is provided.

—President Ezra Brainerd, from an article in the *Middlebury Register*, November 15, 1901

——From *The College on the Hill* by David Bain

For Tim the Bell Tolls

PICTURE THIS: Tim Bartlett '98 at 12 years of age, walking with his father down a street in Winchester, England. Suddenly he is overwhelmed by an incredible sound from above.

"Change ringing," his father explains. "It's an old art—a special kind of bell-ringing, a sort of sport." Pan up to bell-tower, where a complex sound emerges. Fade out.

Fade in, 10 years later. Tim is now a Watson fellow, toting a camera through the streets and country roads of Britain, on a quest to understand and document change ringing. A young London bell-ringer smiles into Tim's camera, "I wake up, I ring, take a break, ring some more, and then go to the pub. If I'm not ringing. I'm drinking." Is this an art? A sport? A lifestyle?

Bartlett has just returned from a year in England, having recorded 70 videotapes which he is now editing, and he recently spoke to the Middlebury community about his experience and the documentary he hopes to make about change ringing.

The first question everyone has for Tim is, What's change ringing? The American stereotype of ringing chapel bells involves bells ringing the hour, or keyboards playing melodies. This American-style bell-ringing is most emphatically *not* change ringing.

To perform change ringing, a great deal of strength, agility, and endurance is required of the ringers, who stand in a circle, pulling long ropes that clang the huge bells high above in the tower. The bells, which weigh up to two tons apiece, are cast in sets of four and up, with the number of possible ringing permutations being directly proportionate to the number of bells in the set. Ringers may ring a "full peal," which is three uninterrupted hours of ringing a nonrepeating musical sequence, or a half- or quarter-peal. The musical sequence is not based on melody, but rather on mathematical patterns.

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN JAKUBEK

Getting Reel

THE MEDIUM'S THE MESSAGE

BY KIM ASCH

WHAT A PERFECT DAY FOR A MOVIE. It has been raining all afternoon—a long, cold, steady bone-soaking rain, and students in hooded jackets cross campus silently, heads bent against the weather. They arrive in Sunderland 110, which has an oversized video monitor built into the front wall, and wait for the show to begin. But wait, the aroma of popcorn is conspicuously absent. And there's a professor down in front, standing before a podium. Better check your ticket, because if you think this class is pure entertainment, you're in the wrong place. Though soon the lights will go down and a film will roll, there's also plenty of reading, critical analysis, and discussion of complex ideas in Masterworks of American Cinema, taught by Ted Perry, Fletcher Professor of the Arts and professor in the department of theatre, dance, and film/video.

"We approach films like literature," Perry explains. "I choose American films that I feel are works of art, that have substance and are important."

Few of the films to be studied over the course of the semester were made after 1970. Some are silent, many aren't in color, and only a couple have titles students recognize. For today's undergraduates, most of whom can't remember a time before VCRs, video games, MTV, and remote control, the early classics are a shock to the senses.

"I think people were surprised when Charlie Chaplin came on in black and white with no sound. Everybody was like, *ugghh*," says Craig Hine '02, an English major.

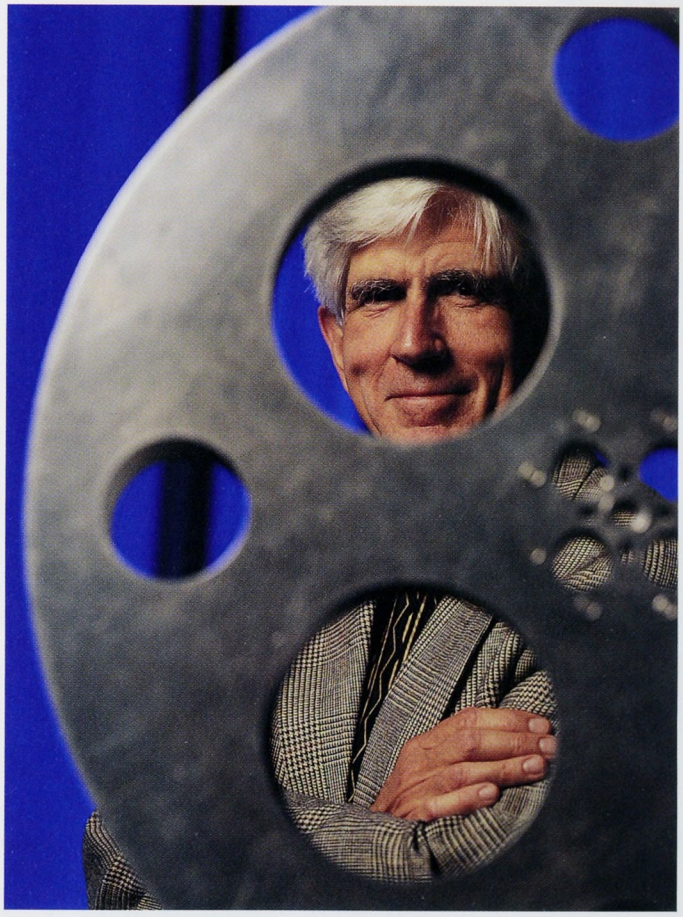
"I think they were expecting, like, *Top Gun*," adds Mike Mahony '02, a computer science major.

"Students are a lot more visually literate than they were 20 years ago," says Perry. "They're able to process images more quickly and take in more information in a shorter period of time."

He teaches them to suspend their expectations, to slow down and appreciate older films that "contain less visual information frame by frame," but that have "better stories, better characters, and better dialogue because they're written by people who are writers, rather than by people who work for MTV."

"Mr. Perry aided in my understanding of movies," says senior Suhaas Ahuja, who took the class in the fall of '98. "The way he did that was to nullify my concept of what a movie is. What is a movie besides an idea? If I want to fully understand an idea outside myself, I have to suspend myself first. Mr. Perry showed me a door through which I could get outside myself."

Today's lecture is about Buster Keaton as existentialist, materialist, foolish optimist, and surrealist: "a figure of



Professor Ted Perry: "Students are a lot more visually literate than they were 20 years ago."

PHOTOGRAPH BY ALAN JAKUBEK

modernity." It seems appropriate that the professor uses the latest in classroom technology to enhance his teaching. The big monitor in the wall shows an enlarged version of Perry's laptop computer screen. He goes to the Web site he created for the course and clicks on the lesson plan for today. As he alludes to various points in *Sherlock, Jr.*, Perry clicks on the film clips he posted on the site, while students watch the action unfold up on the monitor.

There's Keaton, riding a falling ladder off the roof of a building and landing gracefully, miraculously, in the seat of a moving convertible. There he is again, with his girl in a sinking car, raising the convertible top like a sail and spending the last few, dry minutes cuddling and admiring the view.

Keaton, Perry says, is the epitome of existentialism, or the belief that "we should generate our own value, not one that is handed to us."

"I sense that more than any other comedian he understands the darkness of life, the meaninglessness of life, but he keeps on going with this incredible sense that he's not going to be put down," Perry says. "The aspect of the human condition that Keaton seems over and over again to emphasize is facing difficulty and coming up with ways to confront it."

Students can review the lecture simply by calling up the course Web site, where the syllabus and clips from upcoming movies are also posted. Mahony and Hine spent a recent night analyzing Keaton clips and trying to figure out how he pulled off his stunts.

"I like the Keaton movies," Mahony says. "They're inspiring because they're able to do so much with so little."

Attendance is mandatory at Tuesday night screenings in Twilight Auditorium. Watching a movie on a video monitor is not an acceptable substitute for watching it on a big screen.

"I want them to see the films as they were originally intended to be seen," Perry says, adding that he wouldn't expect an art history professor to allow students to skip the museum and look at reproductions of the paintings in a book. "I've given my life to this, so I don't want them to be blasé about it."

Before coming to Middlebury College in 1978, Perry was the director of the film department at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and chair of cinema studies at New York University. He taught at SUNY Purchase, Harvard University, the University of Texas at Austin, and at the University of Iowa (where he received his Ph.D.). For 10 years he was a trustee of the American Film Institute.

Later in the semester, Perry will reintroduce his class to a childhood favorite, *The Wizard of Oz*, examining myths and archetypal characters, and studying the film's various themes—great lessons that must be learned, the idea of home, the recognition of our deepest needs to be accepted and loved. They'll also learn about the historical context that informs the story, which some say is an allegory for the plight of the American farmer.

"In order to fully understand the narrative, students need to know that L. Frank Baum, the man who wrote the book the movie is based on, was a populist with a distrust of Washington politicians and East Coast corporations," Perry says.

Students also read a 70-page analysis of the *Wizard of Oz* by Salman Rushdie, the internationally renowned author who was in exile for over a decade. Ahuja recalls that Rushdie "writes about how Dorothy comes back from this world of color to a place, Kansas, that's black and white and all she can say is, 'There's no place like home.' Rushdie wonders why home would be more important than the joy of life and color," drawing parallels with the immigrant experience (and perhaps with Rushdie's experience as an exile), and suggesting that perhaps home is a state of mind.

The class also studies film noir classics from the 1940s, such as Billy Wilder's *Double Indemnity* and Howard Hawks's *The Big Sleep*, thrillers from the 1950s, like Alfred Hitchcock's *Rear Window* and Orson Welles's *Touch of Evil*, and *The Searchers*, a 1956 Western directed by John Ford and starring John Wayne.

More recent titles include *Zabriskie Point*, 1970, a drama directed by Michelangelo Antonioni; *Raging Bull*, 1980, Martin Scorcese's scorching portrait of a boxer; and *The Godfather* Part II, 1974, Francis Ford Coppola's sequel to the Mafia family saga, which is studied as a reflection of "post-Vietnam cynicism" and "the rise of capitalism in American society."

As director of the film-video studies department, Perry has also had a lot of success arranging internships for the majors in his department, and over the years a number of alumni have distinguished themselves in Hollywood.

"It's our guerrilla movement," Perry says of the Hollywood-Midd contingent. "If we want to change the industry," he explains, "we can't just make better viewers, we have to get people in key positions," which includes cinematographer Gretchen Widmer '88; Mimi Polk Gitlin '81, who produced *White Squall*; and Michael Tolkin '74, who wrote *The Player*, wrote and directed *The Rapture*, and cowrote *Deep Impact*.

And as for making better viewers, Hine says the course has given him a new appreciation: "I won't just walk by the oldies section at Blockbuster anymore," he says.

Some say *The Wizard of Oz* is an allegory about the plight of the American farmer.

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Book MARKS

The Long View

VERMONT'S LAND AND THE PEOPLE WHO CALL IT HOME

BY DON MITCHELL

The history of human culture in Vermont stretches back for several thousand years of the landscape's habitation by Paleoindian, Archaic, and Woodland peoples, followed by Abenaki and then, in the very recent past, white Europeans.

The Story of Vermont (Middlebury College Press/University Press of New England), by Christopher McGrory Klyza and Stephen C. Trombulak, seems destined to become required reading for serious students of the Green Mountain State—people whose curiosity about the state extends beyond the familiar surfaces Vermont presents to the world. No cute photographs of boiling maple syrup here, no tales of Ben and Jerry. The book demands intelligent and thoughtful readers, curious like its authors are as to how the present détente between the state's human culture and its natural environment came to exist. The "story" is, ultimately, one of considerable recent success with at least the chance for a truly happy ending. But there's lots of conflict too; the white Europeans who came to tame the wild country north of Massachusetts and south of Quebec were untroubled exploiters of the landscape on behalf of narrowly conceived and remarkably shortsighted ends. The evolution of an environmental consciousness in modern-day Vermont is therefore worthy of investigation, along with the consequences of that perspective for the various "ecological communities" of which the state is composed.

Various other "Vermont books" in recent years have attempted to paint a verbal portrait of the state, considering the forces that have shaped the landscape's physical characteristics and its human culture's idiosyncratic traits. Both these qualities—with which members of the Middlebury family are well familiar—have made the state reliably satisfying to native residents, newly settled "furriners," and short-duration transients alike. But *The Story of Vermont* is unique among its peer volumes in the following three important ways, each of which has to do with offering readers a richer set of contexts

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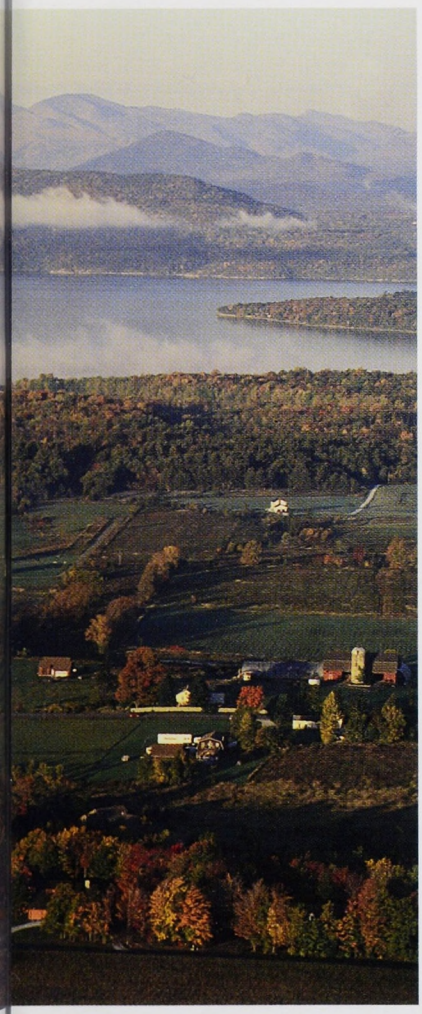

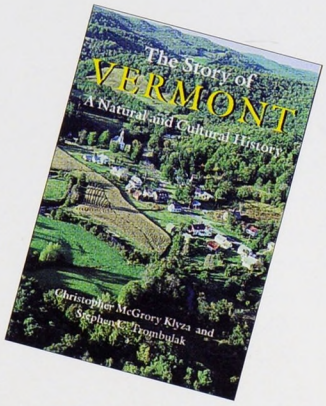

Christopher McGrory Klyza, associate professor of political science and environmental studies, and Stephen Trombulak, professor of biology and environmental studies, are expanding our view of Vermont.

from which the state's present situation can be examined.

First, Klyza and Trombulak's book relentlessly enforces the perspective of geologic time, in which the events of the past few centuries of European settlement are dwarfed by detailed presentation of a vastly more expansive natural history.

For those accustomed to thinking of Ethan Allen's raid on Fort Ticonderoga as an important event in Vermont's early history (over 200 years ago!), the contemplation of thousands of millions of years of natural history is apt to be dizzying. And sobering as well, making our obsession with events of the recent past and our present era seem self-absorbed and puny.

Second, *The Story of Vermont* consistently asks the reader to understand "Vermont"—a very recent and far-from-inevitable geographical and political construct—as only a small part of the much wider Greater Laurentian region, to which the state's landforms and flora and fauna appropriately belong. This "bioregional" perspective is ably reinforced by a striking series of maps created with GIS (Geographic Information System) technology that renders the contours of mountains, lakes, and rivers in startling relief. Like a microscope shifting between different lenses of varying powers, a composite view emerges of

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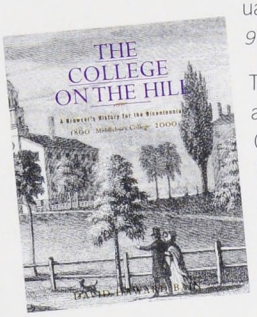

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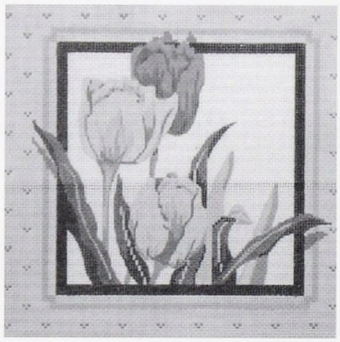

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the ways in which the state both is and is not unique within the wider region that contains it.

Insofar as Vermont is unique, much of the cause can be laid to the history of human culture here—human culture stretching back for several thousand years of the landscape's habitation by Paleoindian, Archaic, and Woodland peoples, followed by Abenaki and then, in the very recent past, white Europeans. *The Story of Vermont* is admirably focused on this third specific context from which readers are challenged to understand and view the state: the dynamic interaction between human beings in Vermont—their evolving goals and aspirations, their shifting patterns of settlement and means of eking out a living—and the natural resources that have surrounded them and changed with them throughout this long odyssey. The impact of human cultural history upon natural history has steadily snowballed, to the point where human choices today are a primary determinant of the quality of Vermont's natural environment for many years to come. The authors

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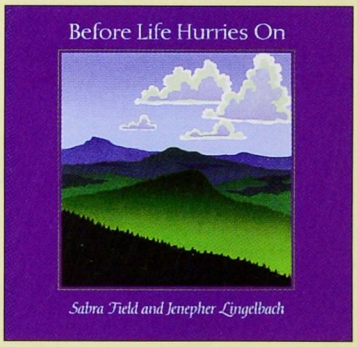
Before Life Hurries On

SABRA FIELD '57 AND JENEPHER LINGELBACH



A SIMPLE COLLECTION of a dozen short, meditative poems written by Jenepher Lingelbach and illustrated with original woodcuts by Sabra Harwood Field '57, *Before Life Hurries On* is a treasure for both its beauty and the act of reflection it enjoins the reader to undergo. Lingelbach first wrote poems on such subjects as Morning Pond, November Fog, Otters, or Waterfall—natural scenes that were part of her experience living in Vermont. Field then created scenes in response to the poems. The book ends with a section entitled "Origins of the Book," in which the two women explain the event or memory that led to their creations. *Before Life Hurries On* is published by University Press of New England.

set forth a range of possible scenarios and urge that we choose wisely.

The *Story of Vermont* also provides a compelling glimpse at why environmental studies has become, in recent years, an especially popular major at Middlebury. Coauthored by two professors long associated with the environmental science program—Klyza is a political scientist, and Trombulak a biologist—their synergistic approach to this subject nicely models the multidisciplinary style for which environmental studies at Middlebury has become well known. Remarkable, too, is the fact that this book-length narrative manages to range over such abstruse topics as global plate tectonics, biodiversity, industrial history, and the politics of conservation, yet the book reads like the product of a single author. First in a series of Middlebury Bicentennial books that will address environmental topics with a bioregional approach, *The Story of Vermont* is a solid achievement that foretells good things to come.

Don Mitchell is a lecturer in the English department.

Girls on the Verge

VENDELA VIDA '93

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Sport REPORT

Good Sports

SCHOLAR-ATHLETES DOMINATE

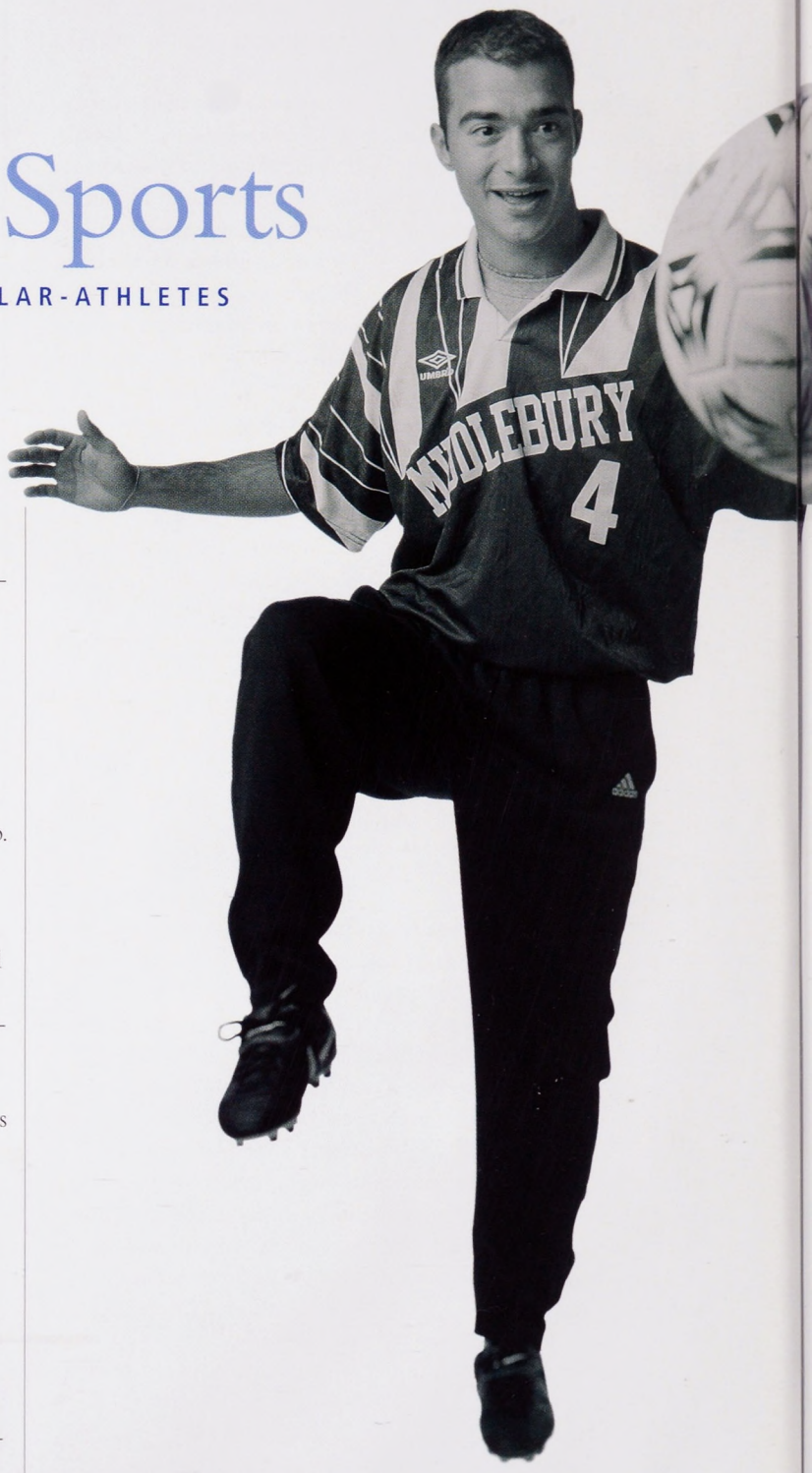
BY KELLY KERNER

IN A YEAR in which the admissions office set records for number of applications, nearly 4,900, and the quality of applicants, average GPAs and SATs somewhere near the moon, the College continues to be a collegiate sports rarity. Not only was 1998-1999 a superb academic year, but it goes in the books as the most successful year in the history of Middlebury College athletics. Yes, quality academics *can* exist in harmony with quality athletics.

For those of you who missed it, here's a brief review: 1998 started out with a bang as field hockey won their first NCAA championship with a record of 17-1. Men's soccer finished the regular season 13-1 and made their fifth straight NCAA appearance. Sustaining the momentum, women's cross country finished the season number one in New England and number two nationally on their way to the NESCAC championship. Not to be outdone, women's volleyball, in only its fifth year of intercollegiate competition, made its first NCAA appearance with 25 wins. Take a breath, we're just getting started.

Winter rolled in and the Panthers rolled on. Women's hockey finished their season with a school record 22 wins, a fourth consecutive ECAC championship (there was no national championship tournament until this coming year) and a remarkable record of 72-0 in league play since its inception. In a year in which Bill Beaney thought he was rebuilding the team, men's hockey delivered its fifth consecutive NCAA championship. Skiing finished eighth at the NCAA championships. Finally, men's swimming finished a school best fifth overall at the NCAA championships.

Then the weather got hotter and so did Middlebury's sports teams. Track and field athlete, Kristy Laramee '01 was the College's first NCAA champion in high jump. Baseball made its first ever post-season appearance in the ECAC championships with a school record 20 wins. Men's lacrosse went further than any collegiate team in New England history by finishing second in the NCAA championships. As the exclamation point on the entire Panther sports year, Missy Foote's women's lacrosse team topped it all off by winning their second NCAA championship in three years with a record of 17-0, thus making it Missy's second NCAA championship of the year (field hockey).



John Giannacopoulos '00, a two-sport All-American, has thrilled hockey and soccer fans alike in his four years at Middlebury.

Add this all together and it equals a second-place finish in the Sears Director's Cup, the award (based solely on NCAA competition) given annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics to the best overall collegiate athletics program in the country.

Now go grab a Gatorade.

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DOUBLE WHAMMY

JOHN GIANNACOPOULOS, a two-sport All-American, is one of those athletes who leaves people gaping, "What the .... Did you see that?"

Giannacopoulos (Gino for short) is, according to his soccer coach Dave Saward, "simply the best player I have ever coached at taking on a defender and beating him, and at times humiliating him. He has a center of gravity which enables him to turn and take a ball like no other player at this level."

Gino has amazed fans since he first set foot on the field, or set blade on the ice. His freshman year, Gino scored the winning goal during Middlebury's third NCAA championship hockey final, an historic moment for Middlebury hockey and an incredible introduction to college for this young man from Needham, Massachusetts.

"That was one of those moments that I will always remember," he says. "There is so much good about being an athlete at Middlebury. I get to play for the two best coaches I have ever had; I am going to school in 'dreamland,' and then that goal happens. How can it get any better?"

Well, it might not be getting any better, but it certainly must have felt pretty good when last year he scored the winning goal during a soccer game against Williams. Coach Saward recalls, "Gino's brother was playing as a freshman for the Ephs, his whole family was on the sidelines, and we were fighting a very tough battle. The game went into overtime. With three minutes left in the extra period, Gino beat a defender, went one-on-one with the keeper, and popped in the game winner. That's the kind of effort and leadership that you want demonstrated to your younger players."

For an athlete interested in pursuing not only a quality education, but two major sports, Middlebury turned out to be just the place for Gino. "Middlebury was perfect for me. It was a place where the soccer coach and the hockey coach not only got along, but they worked together to get players. When I see those coaches at practice or in the halls, I remember that they are two people who really believed in me and gave me a chance. It's an incredible incentive to work extra hard."

Gino has a simple equation to pass on this legacy of success to new players. "You can't tell the younger kids what to think or how to play; they'll respond to what you do, not what you say. They've got to see you set the example. That's what we're about in the hockey program. We're not just a team, we are a tradition. Every time we step on the ice, we know we are going to win, and passing on that attitude is the key to our success. That's what Coach Beaney has done. He's taught us how to be flexible, how to adjust, how to win. He's passed that on to us, and it's our job to pass it on to the underclassmen. When you think about it, that's what Middlebury teaches us: how to think, how to analyze our options, so we can go anywhere and do anything."

FOOTBALL

The team is off to a great start at 2-1, including a comeback victory over Amherst 14-13. Senior quarterback John Wenner is ranked 4th among NESCAC quarterbacks.

MEN'S SOCCER

The Panthers are looking for their sixth straight NCAA Tournament appearance this season. The team is off to a great start at 6-0-2. Senior John Giannacopoulos and first-year player Kyle Dezotell have been leading the team in scoring.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team is looking to return to the post-season once again after an ECAC Tournament appearance in '98 and a trip to the NCAA semifinals in '97. The team has a record of 6-2 early in the season, and is ranked 9th in New England.

FIELD HOCKEY

The defending NCAA Champions are back on track after a slow start. The team, ranked 3rd in New England, has a record of 6-3. Leading the team in scoring are Nina Johnson'00, Nahal Batmanghelidj '02, and Sarah Theall '01.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

After making an NCAA Tournament appearance last year in their fifth year as a varsity sport, the Panthers are looking good once again. The team, ranked 6th in New England, has a match record of 10-3, and is led by Leslie Edwards '01 and Dawn Trowbridge '00.

CROSS COUNTRY

The women's team continues its winning ways during the first part of the season. Ranked 2nd nationally, the Panthers have become one of the dominant women's teams in the nation and will look to compete at the NCAAs once again this season. The men's team continues to improve and has seen some great development through the first several races this season, including a win at the Vermont State Championship.

GOLF

The golf team has grown by leaps and bounds over the past few seasons. This fall they won the NESCAC Championship and were led by rookie Damon Gacicia '02, who was the team's top scorer and NESCAC champion.

TENNIS

The men's team won two doubles brackets at its own Middlebury Invitational Tournament. Will Parker '00 and Rick Morgan '00 are headed to the Rolex national doubles championship. The women's team blanked Bates 9-0 in its season opener. The Panther women have a successful fall ahead of them, with eight head-to-head matches.

STUDENT Scene

A Shiver Runs Through It

BY RACHEL MORTON

"DOES ANYONE ELSE HAVE SAND IN THEIR TEETH?" Courtney Hess asks the three other first-year students emerging slightly damp and wrinkled from their sleeping bags on the small beach along the White River in Randolph, Vermont. These young people, and several others sleeping more sensibly under a tarp, have spent the past three days camping and fishing and bonding as part of their orientation to Middlebury. They've just spent a week on campus, a week packed with academic and social activities, and now it's time to slow down and smell the roses. Or in this case, the fish. Under the auspices of MOO (Middlebury Outdoor Orientation), hundreds of students head out for the mountains and streams of Vermont.

Nate Johnson '98, who coordinates the orientation program for the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs, considers orientation to be the foundation of the Middlebury experience.

"We try hard to balance the academic component and the social component," he says. "What Middlebury does very well during orientation week is really hammer home the notion of learning both within and beyond the classroom." And taking them *way* beyond the classroom is MOO.

Mike Snow, a junior and coleader on the MOO's fly-fishing trip, took his group of eight students to Otter Creek, Silver Lake, and the White River for three days of fly-fishing and friend-making. Snow is passionate about both the outdoors and the group experience the outdoors can provide.

"Freshman year is so crazy, especially in the beginning," he says. "It goes so fast. Going hiking or camping or fishing really slows it down." After the first day of fishing, his first-years commented that time seemed to have stopped. And it's not because they were miserable and wet and were not catching fish. They were happy as clams.

They were even happy last night when they slept in the rain. Lying side by side, they looked at the stars and joked and sang and talked about Japanese food and cults, among other topics. They saw a shooting star and watched car headlights dance and jump through the dark trees across the river. Brian McCurdy remembers first hearing the rain on the water. When they felt it on their faces they realized, they were going to get wet, but they were too tired to care. Courtney found some plastic sheeting to cover herself with, and others covered their shoes or bags. "Do you want more butter on that?" asked George McElroy from deep in a dream, and the others laughed and soon fell asleep themselves with just their noses emerging from sleeping bags, hearing only the soft patter of raindrops on the wide flat river.

By 8:00 the next morning, a weak sun burned the fog off the White River as the MOO group emerged, one by one, from the soggy beach site and from under tarps in the campground (and, clandestinely, from the van). They performed perfunctory morning ablutions in an ecologically correct manner ("There's a procedure for everything!" they complain, out of earshot of the leaders), and straggle out to the river individually, after nibbling a few crackers or a spoonful of peanut butter. "At MOO," says Snow, "we teach them to leave no trace—where they walk and camp, how they clean up, brush their teeth, and go to the bathroom."

A full breakfast will come later in the morning; now it's time to fish. They cast their lines and watch the river for a sign, a ripple. They've been taught where to look for fish,

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what kind of fly to use, and how to flick their line for an effective cast. So now they stand, quietly, in the water and wait for a bite.

Many of these students knew how to fly-fish before they joined this trip and have arrived bearing impressive rods and wearing clothes appropriate to the task. Marty Wesolowski, who has been fishing for five years, wades into the water wearing a pair of Red Bell waders, making him waterproof from toes to armpit.

"They don't catch the fish," he notes astutely, "but you can get deep into the water!" Dan Whitmore cuts an equally dashing figure on the river, with his fishing vest, waders, and a hat he got last year when he was doing community service in Alaska, because "it reminded me of *A River Runs Through It*."

Mike Snow admits without hesitation that some are better fishermen than he, and for that reason he was particularly glad that Matthew Dickerson, an associate professor in the computer science department, joined them at Otter Creek.

Dickerson has been fly-fishing for 20 years, has been a guide professionally in Vermont, and writes a fly-fishing column for the local paper. When he arrived the first morning he spent some time coaching "some of the novices" at casting, helped them choose appropriate flies, then went into the river with them, showing them how and where to cast. The weather was beautiful—the only beautiful day they had on this trip. But apart from the fun of fishing, what was in it for Dickerson?

They soon fell asleep with just their noses emerging from sleeping bags, hearing only the soft patter of raindrops on the wide flat river.

"I did it to meet new students and give them a chance to have a social interaction with a faculty member outside the classroom," he says. "So when students go to their first class next week, they might have another perspective. It's hard to take someone too seriously when you see them standing in the river with funny looking waders on."

After a few hours in the Otter Creek, Dickerson and the students all emerged for a big breakfast, cooked by the coleaders—eggs, fried potatoes, pancakes with real maple syrup. They cooked no fish that morning, nor for any meal, it turns out. Though they certainly caught their share of fish that day, the catch overall during the weekend was modest and the fish quite small.

Brian McCurdy laughs. "I got one last night smaller than the fly I used!" George McElroy agrees, holding his fingers about two inches apart to show the size of his smallmouth bass: "*This* big. I couldn't even feel it on the rod." And these were the experienced fishermen. Luke Farrell admits, "I definitely caught a few trees, not any body parts yet," he laughs, "but there's always time for that!"

But it's the fishing, not the fish that is the point of the weekend. That and spending time with like-minded people. After all, out of an entering class of 550, these eight students were the ones who chose to spend three days camping and fly-fishing. Amazingly, and perhaps a testament to the skill of the roommate-matching staff, two of these students—Courtney Hess, from Helena, Montana, and Vanessa Blatt, from Brazil—are actually roommates. All seem ready, after the frantic pace of orientation week, to really get to know each other, to make a real friend.

Orientation director Nate Johnson agrees that the pace of orientation is intense: "We don't give them a break; they're really on the go. I think it's a good taste of what their next four years will be like."

"I didn't know anyone when I came," says Luke Farrell. "It's hard to get to know people in orientation. But this is a great way to get to know people. It's been awesome. I've learned a lot and had a lot of fun."

OLD CHAPEL Views

A Tectonic Shift in Thinking

BY JOHN M. McCARDELL, JR.

Fom the President's Convocation Address delivered to the Class of 2003, Sunday, September 12, 1999, Mead Chapel

As we begin the 200th year of Middlebury College, we anticipate a year of celebration. In mid-October we will dedicate Bicentennial Hall, our new home for science. And thus, though an historian, I have chosen a scientific theme for this year's address, and sought in that theme a broader application. Science humbles us. It tempers our pride. It reminds us that there are in fact some things that are not the product of human action and that therefore cannot be altered or even affected by human force. It requires us to put ourselves, our agendas, our triumphs and our failures, in perspective, and offers a valuable lesson in how time is measured. Indeed, if the arts and humanities urge us to extend the reach of our imperfect human understanding, science reminds us of just how limited that reach is.

Those of us who attended college in the 1960s, if asked to share our most vivid memories, would probably not lead with the subject I would like to meditate upon with you. And yet, of the many revolutionary occurrences of that turbulent time, this particular theory would have to rank near the top of any list of ideas that fundamentally challenged conventional wisdom. The field was geology, the idea plate tectonics. (I here add a protective qualifier: the explication you are about to hear is that of an historian, not a geologist, and an historian who struggled through a year of freshman geology back in 1967.)

I approach my subject with another memorable late sixties relic in mind: the tie-dyed T-shirt. Standard apparel today, the T-shirt was, 30 years ago, as dramatic a challenge to conventional thinking about haberdashery as plate tectonics was to conventional thinking about the making of continents. Often those T-shirts had slogans. Those of you of a certain vintage may remember one of my favorites: it proclaimed in bold letters, "Reunite Gondwanaland."

The meaning of this mysterious slogan became clear in geology class. The theory of plate tectonics, an explanation of what lay learners more readily know as continental drift, was formulated during the late 1960s. It posited that the Earth's surface layer, down to anywhere from 30 to 60 miles, is composed of plates of varying sizes. These plates, called the lithosphere, rest upon, and slide over, a lower, weaker layer of partially molten rock. These lithospheric plates move across the surface of the earth. They collide, scrape, and slip, and at their boundaries one is apt to find active volcanoes and fault lines that cause earthquakes.

From this theory developed the idea of continental drift. The composition of continents is lighter than that of the ocean floor. They "float" higher in the Earth's mantle. Over many, many millennia, as a result of this process, the continents as we know them have been formed. (My friend and colleague, Provost Ron Liebowitz, a geographer, has pointed out that we have evidence of plate tectonics right here on campus, in Kenyon Arena, in the form of two hockey banners that proclaim Middlebury as champions of the ECAC East one year and, several years later, champions of the ECAC West!)

The theory of plate tectonics, though not in fact synonymous with continental drift, helps explain continent formation. A German scientist named Alfred Wegener promulgated the idea of continental drift at the beginning of this century, though much of what he noted had been discovered centuries earlier by scientists, philosophers, and cartographers (look especially at the "fit" between eastern South America and western Africa). During the Paleozoic Era—some 250 to 300 million years ago—it is now believed the Earth consisted of a single continent. Wegener named this super continent Pangaea. His work built upon that of an Austrian geologist named Edward Suess, who also believed that parts of a single, huge southern continent had split apart, creating the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, as well as Europe, Africa, the Americas, and parts of Asia. He named this continent. . . Gondwanaland.

The super continent, whether called Pangaea or Gondwanaland, began to break apart during the Jurassic period, some 130 to 200 million years ago, as a result of the process of plate tectonics. Out of one single entity came multiple entities. Or, put another way, up until about 200 million years ago, Europe, Africa, Asia, and the Americas were all joined. Then the separation began. And the term "diversity" began to have greater meaning.

I ask you to ponder for a moment the significance of these discoveries—and not just for geology—and then to return to that seemingly humorous slogan, "Reunite Gondwanaland." Consider the theory of plate tectonics and its impact on the development of societies, cultures, languages, literatures, customs. Consider how much of what our own world treats as most important relates in some way to this simple idea of regular, consistent, inevitable subdivision—splitting off, sliding away, forming something new. Think of how presumptuously we categorize knowledge as "Eastern" and "Western." Ponder the hubris of we mere mortals believing that we have somehow caused changes in the natural order and that we have it within our power to redirect, even halt, changes whose time is measured on a very different scale.

Yet, if we study these processes, and study their consequences, and consider what seems to be the inevitability of still more Rwandas and Quebecs and Kosovos and East Timors, inclined as we may be to throw up our hands, we return to the hope contained on the simple T-shirt: "Reunite Gondwanaland." If we take that charge to heart, and take it seriously, we will not set off on a fool's errand to try to reverse the natural order. But we may see, in our own community and amongst our friends and colleagues, old and new, opportunities to make diversity a force for good—to see the possibilities, on the scale, at least, of this community, of reuniting Gondwanaland. The Class of 2003 represents 42 states, 32 countries, and 6 continents. We have thus, in our own way, reunited Gondwanaland at this moment, on this campus, in this chapel. Does this mean that we have created, or seek to create, uniformity of belief? Of course not. That is no more possible than recreating a single continent. Diversity must not be stifled by those marching under diversity's banner. But it does mean that for the next four years the Class of 2003 has an extraordinary opportunity, if you will but seize it, to broaden the reach of your own understanding by getting to know someone different from yourself, by studying a subject you have not previously studied, by taking advantage of the diversity all around you to test your beliefs, to stretch your minds, to build your character, in short, to become educated.

Though it may lie beyond our power to control the forces of plate tectonics, it is within our reach to deal with their effect, both real and symbolic, and never to forget our common humanity. This is no easy task. As these plates shift they abrade; they collide; they shudder and sometimes explode. Every tendency in the lives we lead is toward fragmentation, isolation, and their kindred xenophobia, intolerance. If there is any place on this good Earth, and any people, where those forces of separatism may be arrested and a civil, respectful exploration of difference make diversity a basis for a community's greater strength, let it be here.

Let it be you.

"Science humbles us. It tempers our pride. It reminds us that there are some things that are not the product of human action and that therefore cannot be altered or even affected by human force."

We shape our buildings;

TO THOSE WHO THINK tackling big questions is not of interest today, witness the fact that the Center for the Arts Concert Hall was nearly filled to capacity with students, alumni, faculty, and staff who came to engage the subject, What Is Life?

They were attending the annual Nicholas R. Clifford Symposium, which was the kick-off event for a three-day celebration of the sciences at Middlebury. The culmination of this celebration would be the official dedication of Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury's magnificent new academic building and the College's 21st-century home for the sciences.

During the Clifford Symposium, James F. Childress, professor of medical education at the University of Virginia, talked about his work in bioethics and the issues that scientific advances bring to the fore—issues in the murky region where religion, morality, and science intersect.

Childress was supposed to be followed, later in the day, by a keynote lecture from Stephen Jay Gould, but an hour or two before the scheduled presentation, Middlebury learned that Gould could not get to Vermont due to danger-

Bicentennial Hall, Middlebury's 21st-century home for the sciences.

Insets, top left: Making chemistry or magic? Professor Sunhee Choi stands in a fog of evaporating liquid nitrogen as she makes ice cream at the banquet. Middle: Claire Gargalli '64, chair of the Board of Trustees, bestows a Bicentennial Medal on former governor and U.S. senator Robert Stafford '35; Right: an organic chemistry lab.

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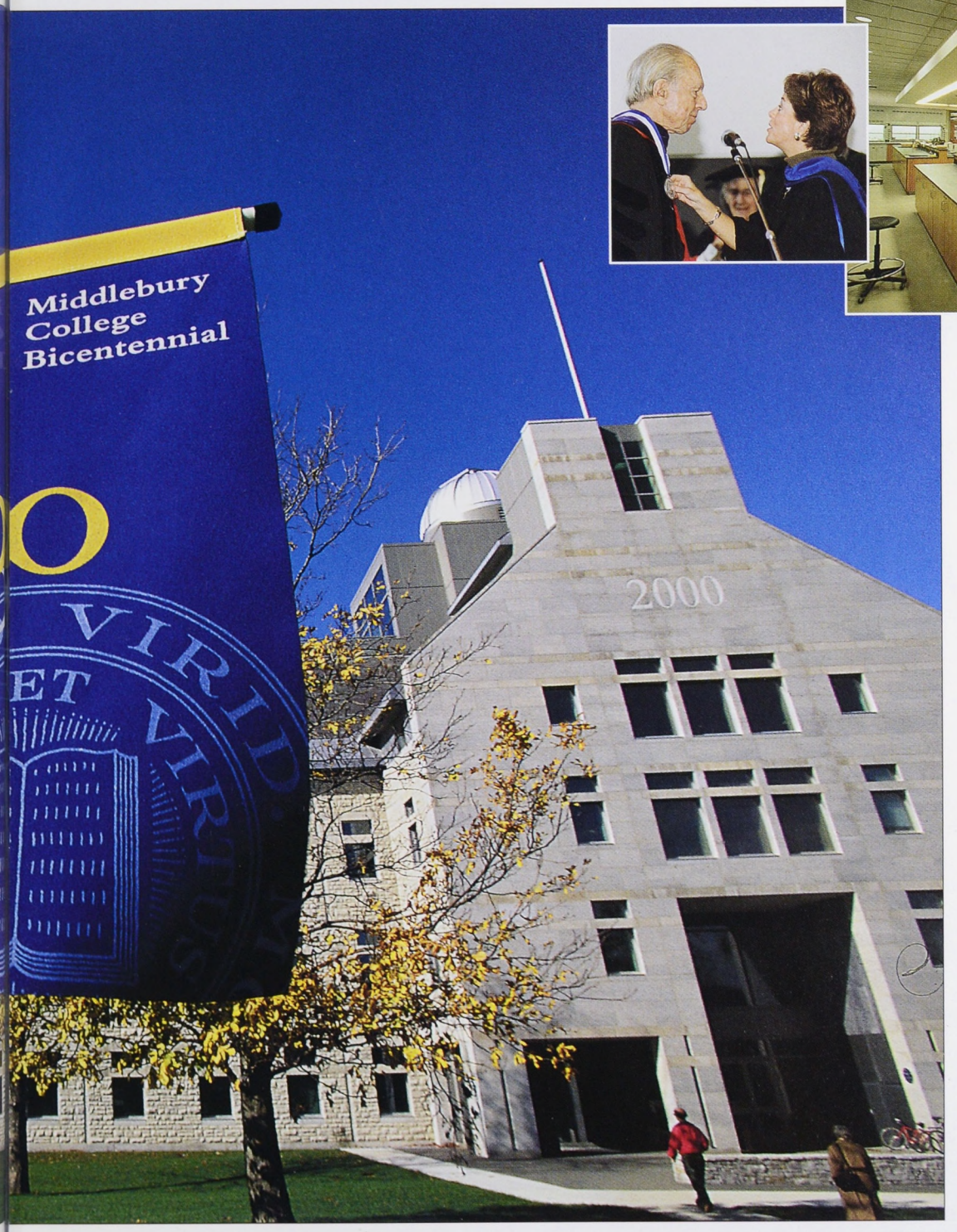
thereafter they shape us.

—Winston Churchill



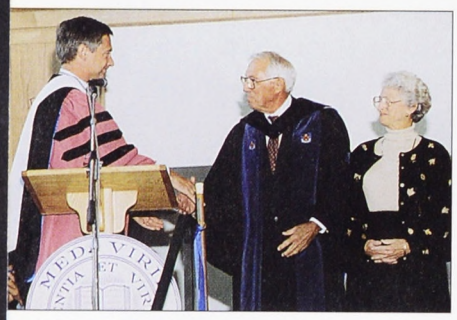
ous wind conditions at the LaGuardia Airport. (The wind was indeed strong, even in Vermont. A large spruce tree in front of Bicentennial Hall, recently planted, had toppled over that morning.)

Stepping into the breech, and with barely an hour to prepare, Grace Spatafora gave the after-dinner lecture to rave reviews: "It was a tour de force," one alumna said of the dynamic presentation given by the associate professor of biology. "I've heard Gould talk and I preferred her. She really worked the crowd. One of our own became a star."

At noon the next day, a science media panel brought four prestigious science journalists and a large lunchtime crowd to the central hall of the new building. Called the Grand Hall, it is indeed that, with one wall a four-story glass window looking out onto farmland and rolling hills.

That afternoon and the next brought lectures and symposia with Middlebury faculty (Grace Spatafora, Rich Wolfson, Kate Sonderegger, Richard Arthur) and alumni (Achievement Award Winners Bernard Cohen '50, Sharon Hostler '61, and Roger Easton '43; not present was award-winner Andrew Cohen '76).

Dinner for everyone associated with the building—faculty, architects, donors, and VIPs—was a magical event. Literally. After dinner Sunhee Choi, professor of chemistry, stirred a bowl full of cream, milk, powdered sugar, and chocolate syrup, while Chaz Sternberg, catering manager



Aerial view of Bicentennial Hall (top, right); Hadley-Milliken-Kelly-Lang (top left); Coffrin Hall (bottom left); Freeman International Center, (bottom right).

This page from top: Chalkboards are everywhere—study spaces, lounges, classrooms, even the Great Hall; François Clemmons, Twilight Artist-In-Residence, sang several songs after dinner and illustrated yet another great use for the Great Hall—singing; President McCardell presents the Bicentennial Medal to former President James I. Armstrong and his wife Carol A. Armstrong—the science library was named in their honor; visitors and guests filled the Great Hall and two of its four balconies for Saturday's dedication ceremony.

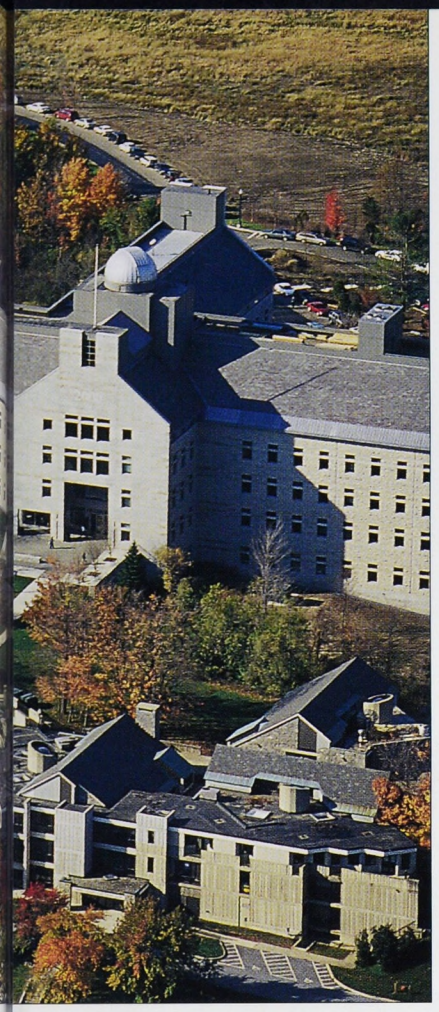
for dining services, added liquid nitrogen. Almost immediately, the liquid solidified and voilà! Chocolate ice cream!

On Saturday the actual dedication of the building was held in the Great Hall. As a wind ensemble played from the first balcony, the faculty procession, in full academic robes, marched up the aisle and onto the dais. President McCardell introduced Frank Winkler, Gamaliel Painter Professor of Physics, who, with a big grin, declared, "Well, here we are!"

"When I came in 1969," Winkler said, "scientific research went on but it was a curiosity. Today virtually every science student collaborates with faculty on research. They do research on campus. They venture far afield to collect data in regions from the Arctic to the Antarctic and all latitudes in between. They give presentations at national conferences, coauthor papers in the most prestigious scientific journals. What could give science more immediacy for an undergraduate student than this?"

That kind of faculty-student mentoring was exemplified as the four Alumni Achievement Award winners accepted their awards from Richard Silton '80, the president of the alumni association. All mentioned the professors who had inspired and mentored them during their years at Middlebury.

President McCardell described some research projects that undergraduates are conducting with current faculty. But, he said, "the education that takes place in this building involves not just courses and research for science students or majors; fully 40 percent of the Middlebury student body passes through Bicentennial Hall to take classes each week, both in the sciences and in other



Above: Panel discussion with, left to right, Rich Wolfson (physics), Grace Spatafora (biology), James Childress (Univ. of VA), Maggie O'Brien (president of St. Mary's College of Maryland), Kate Sonderegger (religion), Richard Arthur (philosophy).

disciplines whose faculty teach in the fine classrooms in this building. . . . Illumination and discovery—these are the hallmarks, not just of science but of liberal education in general. The spirit of inquiry that characterizes this building in its architectural features and in the work that takes places within its classrooms and laboratories is the essence of liberal study."

Claire Waterhouse Gargalli '64, chair of the Board of Trustees, spoke for the trustees when she said, "Today is a day for renewing our commitment to the future in which we resolve with firmness and fortitude to continue working for the strengthening of Middlebury in every possible way. . . . As board members this is our pledge to the College today."

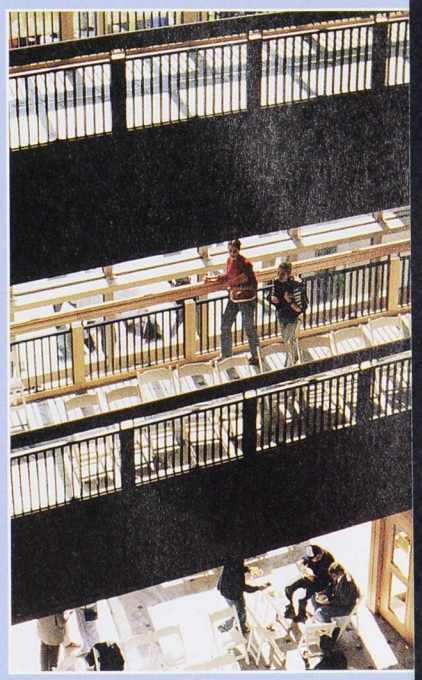
A Bicentennial Medal was awarded to Robert T. Stafford '35, former U.S. senator and governor of Vermont and a former College trustee. Stafford, who was honored for his environmental achievements, met his wife, Helen Kelley Stafford '38, at the College, and said he was "truly touched by receiving this medal from Middlebury for which I have such a deep affection. My years at Middlebury were the four happiest in my life."

The science library in Bicentennial Hall was named in honor of former President James I. Armstrong and his wife Carol A. Armstrong, who both received Bicentennial Medals. Both Armstrongs spoke briefly and President Armstrong, calling the convocation "incandescent" got some big laughs as he capped his remarks in Latin.

The afternoon ended with a cookout in Discovery Court, an outdoor patio tucked into the sunniest corner of the building. Dining Services, which knocked itself out providing one lovely meal after another for this extravaganza, efficiently choreographed the buffet, which ended with a cake in the shape of Bicentennial Hall.

Like the building itself, the cake exemplified the best in form and function: it was plenty big enough for the crowd, it was beautiful, and it tasted great.

Who Said It's Not Easy Being Green?



Looking down on the first two balconies and the floor of the Grand Hall.

YOU CAN'T MISS BICENTENNIAL HALL: From most locations in town, it can be seen rising up over six stories on the northwest edge of the Middlebury campus. And from inside Bicentennial Hall, you can't miss Vermont, either. The immense and ubiquitous windows seem to pull the countryside in, from all directions, as far as the eye can see. Standing before the view, one is humbled to realize that although we can build an edifice as magnificent as Bicentennial Hall, nature is at once our teacher and our responsibility.

Middlebury's sense of responsibility is very evident in the design and construction of Bicentennial Hall, which is considered to be one of the most ecologically sensitive buildings of its type in the country. Much of the construction material was made from recycled natural products, all the wood used was harvested and processed in an ecologically sensitive manner, and many energy-efficient features have been incorporated.

The 220,000-square-foot building, designed by Payette Associates, contains over 125,000 board feet of "green-certified" wood; linoleum flooring made from wood flour and linseed oil; stone, mined with a less invasive mining process than is normally used; mineral rock-wool insulation made from a by-product of iron smelting; and drywall made from recyclables. The soundproofing system contains recycled steel, and the mortar netting used for masonry work was made from recycled plastic. Most rooms have been equipped with sensors that turn the lights off when the room is not in use, and a heat-recovery system using discharged heat to warm outside air has been installed.

"We have designed 85 graduate and undergraduate science projects for numerous renowned institutions, but Middlebury's vision. . . was unparalleled," commented Bob Schaeffner of Payette Associates, the architect overseeing the building construction. "The forward-looking structure pushes the envelope of sustainable design, energy-efficient systems, and a 100-year-plus life span beyond any facility of its kind."

After spending just a little time in Bicentennial Hall, there can be no doubt that great discoveries will be made here. As Maggie O'Brien, president of St. Mary's College, said during the Clifford Symposium panel discussion, "Now Middlebury has a facility worthy of her science faculty."

Good chemistry.

THAT SPECIAL BOND BETWEEN STUDENT AND TEACHER: SHE WORKS THEM TILL THEY'RE RAGGED, COOKS KOREAN FOOD FOR THEM, AND MODELS WHAT IT IS TO BE A WOMAN AND A SCIENTIST.

BY KIM ASCH

FOR ONCE, CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR SUNHEE CHOI found herself at a podium without a story to tell. She was in Oxford, England, at an international conference for researchers of a particular cancer-fighting agent, and her paper was selected as one of the top eight out of 100. All day, scientists had been quoting from "Choi *et al*" to support their own work, and now they wanted the author to stand in the spotlight and review her findings.

Famous among students for her alternately inspirational anecdotes, passionate lectures, and corny one-liners (*i.e.*, science is pHun), Middlebury chemistry department's diminutive dynamo was momentarily speechless. Understandable. The other seven papers to receive such distinction originated from big research universities, as is almost always the case. "Choi *et al*" was the only ranking project to come out of a liberal arts college and to list undergraduates as coauthors.

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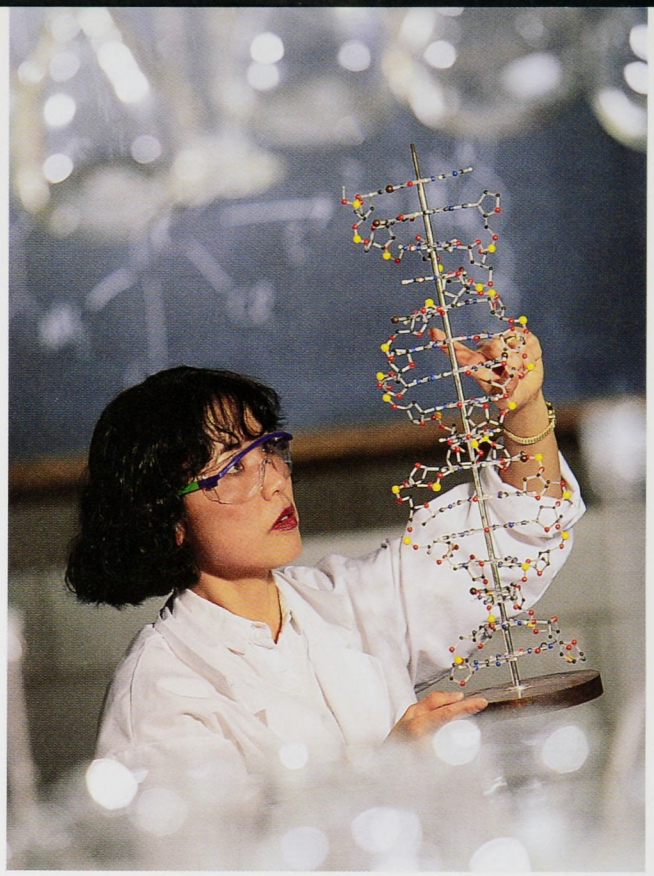

"I wasn't prepared for it," she says, still savoring that moment of glory before 300 of her peers last March. "I told them, this work is all done by undergraduates."

Lots of ears should have been tingling back on campus, because right then someone in the audience piped up, "Let's all congratulate Middlebury undergraduates!" and there was a rousing round of applause for Choi's student collaborators.

"They are so famous," Choi says. "They are my pride."

It's summer and she is taking a break in her gutted office in what is left of the old science department. Soon, she will embark on a fresh semester in the spectacular, new Bicentennial Hall, but right now, Choi is busy teaching a course to high school students who have shown an interest in chemistry and Middlebury. She is just the person to turn them on to both.

In the classroom, as in the lab, she's a maestro. Tan, fit, and perfectly attired in a red, sleeveless tunic, matching cotton mini, and chunky sandals, the colored chalk is her baton as she writes out complex chemical formulas on the blackboard. In staccato English (Korean is her first language) she tells the story of these letters and numbers and how they come together to fight cancer. She calls this research project her "Opus No. 7."

"My team is a symphony orchestra," she says, referring to her student researchers. "We use tons of instruments. I am the conductor. We do biochemistry, organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry."

Thanks to two grants over a six-year period totaling $222,000 from the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health, Choi and her students are conducting basic research on the mechanism of anticancer activity of the platinum(IV) compound. The platinum compound has been shown to be toxic to tumors that are resistant to cisplatin, the most popular anticancer drug. Understanding how platinum(IV) compounds attack cancer cells should lead to the development of improved chemotherapeutic drugs, Choi says. Pointing to a diagram of cancerous DNA being attacked by the fearsome cisplatin, she is radiant: "Isn't it beautiful?"

In May, all five graduating seniors who majored in straight chemistry were women, four of them Choi's advisees. Over the course of her 12 years at Middlebury, she has bonded with many of her undergraduate colleagues. She and husband Jim Larrabee, a chemistry professor and associate dean of the faculty, continue to socialize with alumni, attending their weddings, medical school graduations, and dinner parties. More often, they invite former students over to their house for feasts of Choi's favorite Korean foods or Larrabee's famous chicken wings.

But this group of women majors is special to Choi because she feels so strongly about steering women toward careers in science. She is relentlessly proud of her female protégés, adding her own spin to a slogan she picked up from actress Goldie Hawn. "Women can do 400 things," the superstar told *Good Housekeeping* magazine. "Women scientists can do 401 things," Choi asserts.

Every chemistry major is required to read biographies of Marie Curie, the Polish-born physicist who, with her French husband Pierre Curie, shared the 1903 Nobel Prize for physics with Henri Becquerel for the discovery of radioactivity.

"My students tease me that I try to turn all of them into Marie Curie," she says. Not exactly, but she does require that they "try to be the best scientists and the best citizens, like Marie." It can be tough living up to what Choi deems is your best.

"Basically, she expects you to know everything," says Sarah Delaney '99, who just started working toward her Ph.D. in chemistry from Caltech. Amy Kinner '99, now in her first year in the master's/Ph.D. program in environmental health science at UC-Berkeley, agrees, "She's definitely more rigorous than most. Sunhee definitely expects a lot of us. She would give us a quiz at the end of class on the material we had just been taught to make sure we were paying attention."

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Choi's physical chemistry course is known as the crucible of the major; if you can make it through that, you'll survive to graduate. Joanna Wolkowski '99, who will enter Yale's Ph.D. program in chemistry next year after taking a break to help coach Wellesley's basketball team, remembers the nearly insurmountable standards Choi set for them and how she helped them achieve more than they ever thought they could.

At one point during the semester, Wolkowski and her classmates complained that the workload was so overwhelming, they weren't getting enough sleep. The students dragged themselves into class, rumpled and in sweats. Choi, as always, was dressed to the nines.

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The conductor decided the struggling orchestra needed more rehearsal time. First, she began holding review sessions over lunch. Then, she added Sunday meetings at her home. She cooked them dinners and shared stories about her days as a student in Korea and then at Princeton, where she met her husband. Soon, her students began reciprocating with dinner invitations. Wolkowski, who emigrated from Poland in 1986, made traditional foods from home. Shwe Mon '99, now in the Ph.D. program for chemistry at Johns Hopkins University, cooked Burmese meals.

In socializing with their mentor, the students observed a Renaissance woman in action, balancing the demands of raising two children with her passion for chemistry and her extracurricular pursuits such as hiking, gardening, cooking, classical music, and clothes.

"She's got to be the best-dressed professor at Middlebury," Delaney says. "I think part of her attitude is, you get up in the morning, get dressed up, put on your make-up, and when you get to class it'll help you focus."

Back in the summer classroom, Choi is drawing a picture for the high school students to help them understand why basic research is so important. She's no artist.

"What am I trying to draw?" she quizzes the class.

"An elephant?" the teens guess, giggling.

Choi explains that cancer is like the elephant, and researchers are like the blindfolded little stick figures she draws in a circle around it. All are trying to get a picture of what's in front of them by examining one little portion. They have to share information with each other to know it's an elephant.

That's why basic research and collaboration are so important, she says, because understanding the little pieces and how they fit together will lead to big answers. Choi is a firm believer that perseverance in life, as in the lab, achieves results.

"I have worked so hard to get anything in my life. That's my karma, I think," she says. "When I get a grant, somehow I have to work two or three times as hard. I'm a foreigner, my English is so bad, but I get it."

If anything, her imperfect English endears her to students, who are relieved to find a flaw. Wolkowski and Delaney sometimes fall into what they call "Sunhee speak," and Wolkowski's basketball teammates picked up on it, too. At the end of a practice, they would bid each other good-bye the Sunhee way, "Ya! Ya! See you tomallow!"

Choi is never very far away from her students. Wolkowski remembers tutoring a group of underclassmen for her Introduction to Chemistry course one night and getting stuck on a problem. "There was no hesitation, we would call her at home if we needed her help," she says.

One particular night, Choi was giving one of her famous dinner parties when Wolkowski called. "She came over in a dress with a big sweatshirt over it and these huge boots—because it was raining—reeking of Korean food," she recalls. "I think it didn't bother her at all because I think she's so dedicated. She wanted to make sure we really understood the material."

When the time came to apply to graduate school, Choi insisted they only apply to five. "You get into every one," she told them. "Best to make decision sooner rather than later." The girls laughed and rolled their eyes. "She was always dropping names of the best schools," Delaney recalls. "We were like, yeah, whatever."

As it turned out, each of the five women went on to good graduate schools. Suzanne Muchene '99 is pursuing a master's of public health in epidemiology at Boston University. MIT and Caltech fought over Delaney. Kinner is at Berkeley. Mon is at Johns Hopkins. Wolkowski applied to University of Chicago, Northwestern, Princeton, and Yale and was amazed to learn she'd been accepted at each.

Only Choi was unfazed.

"She's just very confident in our abilities," Wolkowski says. "More than we are in ourselves."

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SNAPSHOT BY SUNHEE CHOI

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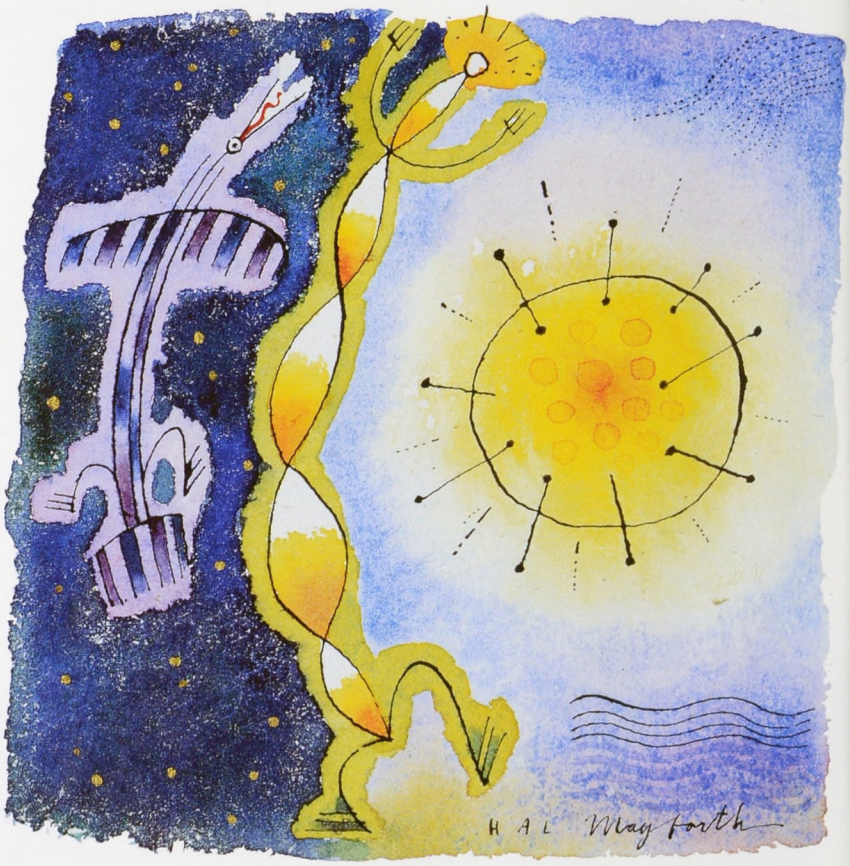

BY BOB PACK

THE LYRIC FORM OF MY NEW SEQUENCE OF POEMS, *Rounding It Out* (The University of Chicago Press, 1999) which centers itself in the theme of the inseparability of loss and cherished ties to people and places, employs a double refrain as a musical principle to represent symbolically the dust-to-dust circularities of human experience. The book thus opens with a morning song in praise of sunlight:

AUBADE

Our sun has left just half its life to spill—
About five billion years before it must
Explode, collapse upon itself, and will
Back to the universe its final thrust
Of heat we creatures long have counted on.
Waking warm here in bed, we trust
This light to help imagine when light will be gone
About five billion years from now; it must
Experience diminishment,
As must we too, as must we all.
Observers, we can find our last content
In comprehension that the fall
Of yellow petals on our window sill,
Like little suns, is what we have to will,
A melody to whistle in the dawn:
Our sun has left just half its life to spill.

The imagistic content of the poems, as well as their structure in four sections, Morning, Mid-Day, Evening, Night, designates in addition to the changing light of day, all departures and returns that are included in the natural cycles of a completed lifetime. In an important sense the book is about its own chosen form—music as a means of both celebration and lamentation—heightened by deliberated self-awareness, the pauses which enable us to hold on to and savor our visual perceptions and our most precious emotions.

The fleetingness and brevity of human time is experienced within the context of cosmic time, the life and death of our own sun, which will implode, so it is estimated, "about five billion years from now." Yet the sun can be possessed in a moment of personal warmth, in the reflected image of a "yellow flower," and in the poem that, like the sun, is rounded unto itself in musical celebration.

The first line of each poem returns (sometimes in a slightly varied version) as the last line, and the second line returns (also with variations) somewhere in the middle of the poem. The poems echo each other as themes, such as absence or self-awareness or the exhilarations of nature as spectacle, return and are modified, so that, for example, the morning song that opens the book becomes the nocturne that concludes the collection:

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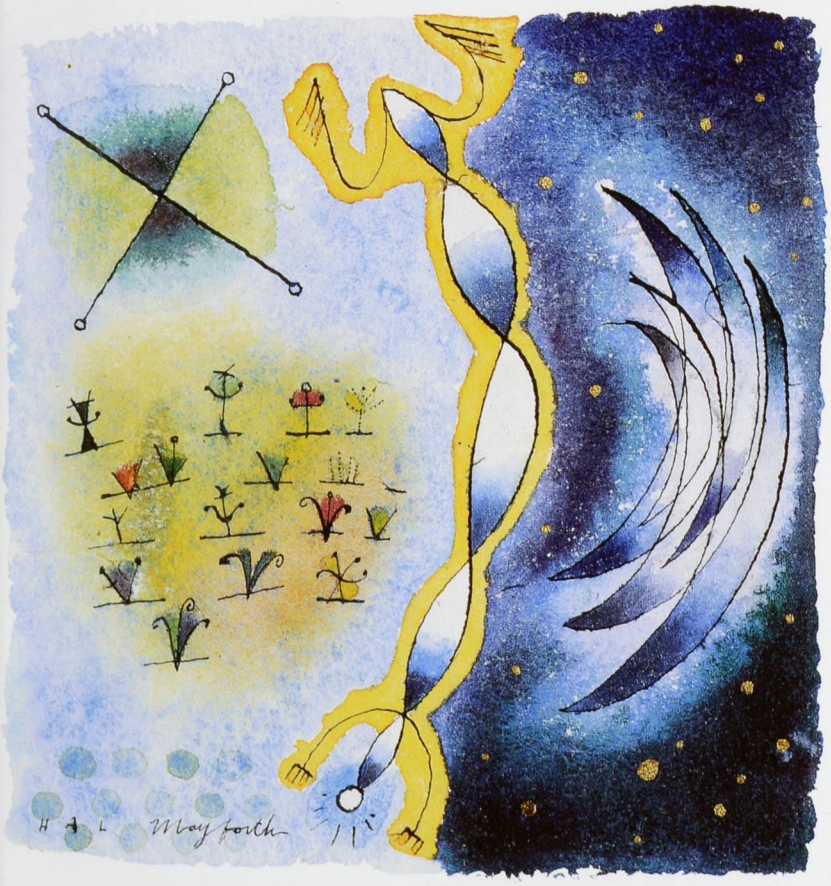

NOCTURNE

How little separates me from the night:
My moist breath merges with the moistened air;
From my cupped hands a flutter of reflected light
Ascends as if a bird had been enfolded there—
A gathered whiteness that can fly
My message of replenished care,
My offer to the dark, my sole reply.
My moist breath merges with the moistened air,
Summons to its blurred self what waits beyond,
Projects its own illumination to
Moon-laden branches by the frozen pond,
To cavern icicles our awed ancestors knew.
I see how cloudy indivisibility
Divides, how whirled division mists to white;
I recognize lulled voices calling me,
How little separates me from the night.

I think of these 16-line poems (two lines are repeats) as a cross between being a sonnet and a villanelle with their determined pattern of returning lines. The poems faithfully (as in a vow) employ meter and rhyme, assonance and alliteration, taking delight and finding consolation in the sensuousness of our native tongue even in the face of inevitable and ongoing loss in a universe of ceaseless flux, changing, as I see it, without sponsored purpose or destination, indifferent to human longing and aspiration.

Although my own philosophical perspective is skeptical and atheistic, since I believe that whatever meaning exists in life must be invented and affirmed through human behavior and commitment, nevertheless I consider the poems in *Rounding It Out* to be deeply influenced by the sacred poetry of Gerard Manley Hopkins because of my similar attempt to ground meaning in musical affects, patterns of sound, metaphorical designs. Taking life seriously, caring for other people and other forms of life, is holiness enough for me. In his poem celebrating the music of Henry Purcell, Hopkins wishes that his poetry will "fan fresh our wits with wonder." It is a wish I profoundly share for my sonnetelles.

The failure today of obscurantist poets to employ language as a communal medium, eschewing any attempt to communicate as clearly as possible the feelings of their beliefs, can be seen, I believe, as an aspect of the self-indulgent condition of contemporary culture. Such corruption, of course, is not new. Breakdown of communication is portrayed paradigmatically in the biblical account of the tower of Babel. Originally, "the whole earth was one language, and of one speech," but in punishment for pride and the ambition to exceed human limits, the Lord punished mankind: "Let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not

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understand one another's speech." In effect, retelling the story of Babel, Wordsworth, in his appendix to *Preface to Lyrical Ballads*," says:

"But the first poets. . . spake a language which, although unusual, was still the language of men. This circumstance, however, was disregarded by their successors; they found that they could please by easier means: they became proud of modes of expression which they themselves had invented. . . until, the taste of men becoming gradually perverted, this language was received as natural language. . . this diction became daily more and more corrupt, thrusting out of sight the plain humanities of nature."

Thus the search for Hopkinsian freshness, the original avant garde intention, became perverted into the desperate pursuit of newness for its own sake with our own age specializing in seeking newness in affront and contrived offensiveness.

Wordsworth's powerful point is that humankind's unity with nature and with other human beings has been replaced by the prideful assertion of the individualistic self. In the Prelude, praising his dear friend Coleridge's "learning," his "gorgeous eloquence," Wordsworth nevertheless condemns the "self-created sustenance" of Coleridge's mind as "Debarred from Nature's living images,/ Compelled to be a life unto herself." Coleridge's art had failed for Wordsworth because it had become too eccentric, too self-invented. Yeats stated the same idea even more bluntly: "All that is personal soon rots." The artist must emphasize the ongoing life of our species, rather than his or her own individuality. "I am a crowd, I am a lonely man, I am nothing," exclaims Yeats. From the more visionary perspective of time "stretching before and after," personal identity is insignificant and will be obliterated. If anything remains, it will be what Yeats called "Monuments of unaging intellect."

The attempt to cling to the assertion of the self, in my view, is a subtle form of the denial of death and the inability to accept nature's ephemerality. The rebellion against death—the horror of the idea of death as personal annihilation—may be mitigated when we identify ourselves with our species, with existence itself. Affirming this spirit of the impersonalized self, the speaker of my poems in this book, whose memories become a "storied life," is rendered as collective, myself as anybody; he celebrates nature as a spectacle and at the same time mourns nature's indifference which we experience falsely as cruelty. And so, too, the "you" who is addressed throughout the cycle, combines the main figures in the speaker's life: wife, mother, father, son, daughter, as in the poem "Invitation":

INVITATION

Before you leave, pause here once more with me,
Each one of you alone and one in all,
All merged or each emerging as I see
My storied life in you and call
To you as lover, daughter, wife, or friend,
Approaching through red leaves in dwindling fall
Or vanishing where snow-blown footprints end,
Each one of you alone and one in all.
Son, father, stranger, lives I might have lived,
I summon you within the circle of my mind,
Among the mighty maples I have loved,
To share their shadowed whisperings and find
Acceptance in a reappearing oriole,
Solace in grief when grief is rhymed.
Inheritor, my judge, my memory,
Before you leave, pause here once more with me.

Falling into despair can come from the obsession with one's individual mortality. Such despair, the mind failing to cure itself of its awareness of its own passing moment in the sun, is the result of overemphasizing one's singular life so that even as a poet one becomes trapped in one's own personal language, the need for expression outweighing the will for communication. The cure for this fever of self-regard, "where but to think is to be full of sorrows," as Keats says, lies only in seeing one's life as part of ongoing and evolving nature and as part of the community which will include one's inheritors if one's poems survive. The self cannot sustain itself only as a self, for then its fate is death, absolute and final. An enlarged imagining, however, contained within a form that possesses the memory of a tradition (such as the durable and enduring sonnet), perceives that the death of the self is to the universe what the death of a cell is to the human body—the means of nature's continuity, the cycling of the seasons and the culminating image of the harvest with its "wheels of baled hay." Proper mourning—a primary function of poetry—requires the selflessness of such impersonal perspective. This is the perspective I seek to achieve in each poem as a lyric entity which therefore allows lament to be free of self-pity and self-indulgence and exalts celebration that goes, as Wordsworth says, "too deep for tears," beyond chance and momentary individual assertion and good fortune.

BALED HAY

Wheels of baled hay bask in October sun:
Gold circles strewn across the sloping field,
They seem arranged as if each one
Has found its place, and viewed together they appeal
To some glimpsed order in my mind
Preceding my chance pausing here—
A randomness that also seems designed.
Gold circles strewn across the sloping field
Evoke a silence deep as my deep fear
Of emptiness; I feel the scene requires
A listener who can respond with words, yet who
Prolongs the silence that I still desire
Relieved as clacking crows come flashing through,
Whose blackness shows chance radiance of fire.
Yet stillness in the field remains for everyone:
Wheels of baled hay bask in October sun.

Rounding It Out *is Bob Pack's 18th collection of poetry. Pack is professor emeritus of English, having taught at Middlebury for 34 years, and was director of the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference from 1973 to 1994. Currently he is teaching in the English department and Honors College at the University of Montana in Missoula.*

Alya Baker *Molodets*

TEACHING RUSSIAN WITH HEART

BY JUDY OLINICK

"GUESS WHO THIS IS," Alya Baker beams, popping into the Russian department office with a new snapshot. The smiling four-year-old in the photo is a miniature edition of Anne Sudkamp '83, M.A. Russian School '90, one of the former students who send Alya (Aleksandra Grigorievna as they address her in Russian) hundreds of cards, letters, pictures, e-mail messages, wedding invitations, and birth announcements every year. They head straight for her door whenever they return to Middlebury. A jubilant contingent was on hand in San Francisco last December, when Alya received the 1998 postsecondary language teacher of the year award from AATSEEL, the American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages.

Professor Thomas R. Beyer, Jr., the Russian department chair, says that there is "magic" but no secret to Alya's rapport with her

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students. "Far more than helping them through the intricacies of Russian's verbs of motion," he says, "Alya has sung with them, cooked for them, stored their furniture, and sometimes just sipped tea with them and lent a sympathetic ear. Having done this at Middlebury for over 30 years, she has great friends and admirers across several generations."

Alya's students themselves explain eloquently and precisely what makes her so special and why the extraordinary effort they devote to her courses is both a moral obligation and a joy. David Andrews '80, now an associate professor of Slavic languages at Georgetown University, recalls, "We used to do a fond parody of Mrs. Baker assigning homework for a typical day in second-year Russian: '*Khorosho, rebiata*, (all right, guys) for tomorrow read the introductory text to the new lesson. Learn all the new words and expressions, and prepare the text for discussion. Read over the grammar points and familiarize yourselves with the concepts. Then go to the language lab and work on all the oral exercises. Of course, don't forget to study for the test tomorrow. And now, for your written assignment…'

"The work load was legendary, but we did it. We did it because we loved it, because we were inspired, because the last thing we would ever do is let Mrs. Baker down, because it was all so beautifully and logically planned and organized. We did it because we knew that Mrs. Baker was working even harder than we were. Even then we were able to appreciate the staggering amount of work, time, and care that Mrs. Baker put into everything connected with her teaching, that she was able to anticipate our every thought and problem, that she could see right into our heads. Now that I'm a professor myself, I am even more in awe of her."

Alya's classroom style might be described as "old fashioned," or what David Ayres '78 calls "soft but strict" in contrast to her "soft and friendly" manner at the Russian table in the Chateau. Aside from occasional videos, little technology is in evidence, but there is plenty of chalk, filling the boards with clear, graceful Cyrillic script, perfectly recapitulating the lesson for those who copy it accurately.

Looking through the window, a viewer would see a deceptively low-key scene with lots of friendly laughter, but in fact not a minute is wasted. Nearly everyone is on full alert and an unprepared student has no hope of escaping detection. Ayres, now managing partner of Brobeck Hale and Dorr in London, speaks for many when he says, "I wanted so much to please her. I guess we all did. I never had another teacher whose approval was so important to me and whose disappointment at my occasionally poor performance was so devastating. I think that's what made her so special. That she cared so much."

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ALYA'S STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS ASTONISHED to learn that she never visited the Soviet Union until 1961. Her family, along with many other Russians, moved to Yugoslavia in the 1920s, and she was born in the town of Subotica, near the Hungarian border. The family home was "a typical peasant house" with electricity but no indoor plumbing. "My mother and I hauled all the water from a well about 15 minutes' walk away," she says. "It was particularly interesting on wash days, when we had to carry and store it all." She remembers the wonderful fruit trees and raspberries her father planted in the yard, the farmers stopping at the house with fresh produce on their way to the town market, and the excitement when her older brother came home on visits from his military boarding school. But she also has frightening early memories of World War II. Hungarian soldiers searched the house at bayonet point; advancing Soviet troops and retreating Germans marched down her street; and both the Americans and the Germans bombed the town several times. Alya spent most of her childhood without her father. "He joined the Serbian army, was taken prisoner by the Hungarians and released, joined the German army, and ended the war in a displaced persons camp in Germany," she recounts. The family was finally reunited in America in 1955.

Alya acquired her first three native languages in Subotica. At home, she spoke, read, and wrote Russian. In her elementary school, in a Hungarian neighborhood, she spoke Hungarian, which is not related to Russian, through second grade. After the war, she attended a Serbian school and quickly learned so-called Serbo-Croatian, which is really both Serbian—written in Cyrillic, like Russian—and Croatian—closely related, but written in the Roman alphabet. Beginning in elementary school, the children were required to alternate alphabets daily, which she says caused some chauvinistic grumbling but no confusion.

"Once you know two languages well," she says, "you are seldom disturbed by forms you encounter in other languages. And speaking different languages teaches you to look at things from different points of view. I'm not the same person when I speak Russian in Russia as I am when I speak English in America. The body language is different, and I do things speaking one language

that I wouldn't do when speaking the other."

When Alya and her mother finally managed to join her father, who had worked his way to New York on a ship, she knew virtually no English, but soon made it a fourth "native" language and embarked on a college and graduate school career that resulted in a B.A. from Hunter College, an M.A. in Russian from Indiana University, and a second M.A. from the Middlebury College German School. "When I first attended the German School in 1958," she recalls, "the fee was $350. My family could never have afforded to send me, but I received a scholarship of $175, which made it possible."

WHILE TEACHING AND STUDYING AT INDIANA, Alya met Bob Baker, then a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, who was also teaching in Bloomington. Bob had just spent a full academic year at Leningrad State University, a remarkably long Soviet visit for an American during the Cold War. When he took a group of Russian teachers to the Soviet Union in 1961, Alya jumped at the invitation to go as his assistant. This first visit to her family's homeland was an overwhelming experience for her.

In 1962 Alya and Bob married and spent part of their honeymoon in Yugoslavia—a joyous homecoming for Alya. "When I left Yugoslavia I was sure I would never return," she says. "My friends were so glad to see me that they held our 10-year high school reunion three years early in my honor." She agonized over the fate of her friends during the recent NATO bombing of Serbia, but has not attempted to contact them. "I wouldn't know what to say," she says sadly, "and getting a letter from America might cause trouble for them." She sees no easy solution to the upheaval in Kosovo. "Both sides are to blame, not just the Serbs," she says. "These are very deeply rooted hostilities. You can't simply order people to forget them."

The Bakers moved to Middlebury in 1967 when Bob became acting chair of the Russian department and dean of the Russian School. Alya, who had hoped to complete her M.A. in German and spend some time at home with the children, Larry and Lisa (Elizabeth '87), was instantly drafted to teach a heavy load of both German and Russian. Since then, she has taught almost nonstop in the Russian department and the Russian School and served twice as director of the Middlebury program in Moscow, which Bob founded in 1977.

Bob and Alya were largely responsible for establishing Middlebury's reputation as *the* place to study Russian in the United States. The combination of new teaching materials, lucid explanations, finely focused drilling, and virtually unlimited office hours helped dispel the widespread myth that it is all but impossible for nonnative speakers to learn Russian well. Cynthia J. Bear '72 says that after her first year of Russian with Alya, "I knew that the standard of excellence had been defined." The proof for Bear, now first vice president and credit director with Salomon Smith Barney, Inc., came during an earlier assignment in Moscow when the deputy chairman of the Soviet Central Bank told her, "Many people have a large vocabulary, but you speak Russian correctly."

Alya's language-teaching philosophy has changed little over the years. Despite its enormous success, her approach is difficult to define, perhaps because it is more personal and pragmatic than methodological. "The most important thing is patience," she believes. "You can't rush in the beginning, because you need a foundation to build on. Even little writing exercises must be carefully corrected. First-year students cannot write compositions before they learn how to use the nouns and verbs." Most important, she cautions, "beginning language courses must be taught by people who don't get bored by the early stages."

The Bakers' home has always been a center for Russian parties and picnics, an off-campus haven for students, and an inn for returning alumni, visiting Russians, friends and friends of friends. An old-world welcome instantly embraces the fortunate guests, who arrive early and stay late. Bob is greatly missed since his untimely death in 1995, but his memory is alive in the house and the hospitality continues.

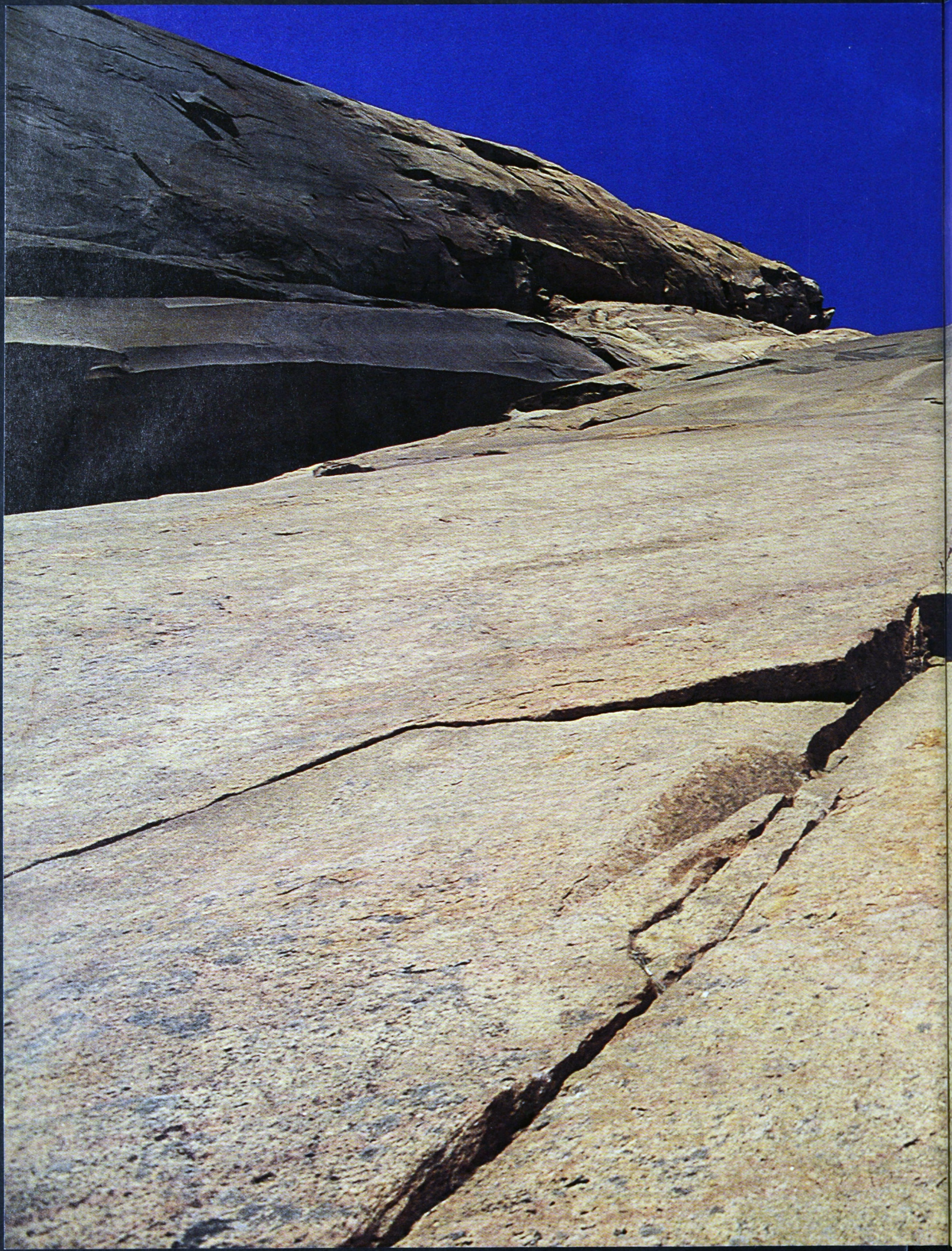
Alya's Russian cuisine is deservedly famous. Such specialties as *pirog*, a pastry filled with chopped cabbage, eggs, onions, or meat; marinated mushrooms; and a variety of soups, salads, and *zakuski* (snacks) are in demand year-round. Holiday favorites include *bliny*, thick pancakes stuffed with any combination of caviar, mushrooms, sour cream, or jam for *Maslenitsa*, just before Lent; and *paskha*, a rich, sweet cheese dish for Easter. Alya gladly shares her recipes, laughing at the assumption that they are old family treasures. "My mother hated to cook and her menu was quite limited," she says. "I learned by trial and error, practicing on Bob."

Though she seldom speaks Hungarian anymore, Alya puts her Serbian to good use. When several Bosnian refugee families settled in Addison County a few years ago, she plunged into helping them find housing, jobs, and medical care; enroll in school; and cope with daunting legal details and social adjustments. "It was a second full-time job," she admits, but a solid success. The local Bosnian community is thriving, and Alya's grateful new acquaintances have become devoted friends. She is still on call as a trouble-shooter, however, and she recently received a Winooski Police Department arm band as a token of thanks for late-night emergency translating.

A more substantial expression of appreciation is the Alexandra and Robert Baker Central/East European Endowed Scholarship established by an anonymous Middlebury graduate to help students from central and east Europe, including the former Soviet Union, attend the College. Alya is pleased by both the Baker Scholarship and the AATSEEL award. "I once was told that the rewards of teaching are long delayed," she says. "Now I know that this is true." But if a teacher's rewards include her students' successes and expressions of gratitude and affection, Alya is abundantly rewarded almost every day.

David Remnick, now the editor of the *New Yorker* magazine, attended the Russian School in 1987 before beginning a Moscow assignment for the *Washington Post*. He says, "I came to her with every bad habit and failing the instrumental case, and she turned me around. I wouldn't say that by the time I arrived in Moscow my new Russian friends mistook me for their own, but I would say that they raised one eyebrow instead of two. What she really did was help lay a foundation so that in a year's time I was all right. So, hats off to Alexandra Baker. *Molodets* (way to go)!"

Judy Olinick is a coordinator for the Russian School.



BY MARK SYNNOTT '93

CLIMBING THE BIG WALL

DOCUMENTING A FIRST ASCENT ON BAFFIN ISLAND

FOR THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

THE TWIN OTTER BANKED A SHARP TURN TO THE RIGHT, and then literally dove over the top of Sail Peak's northwest face. As the plane tipped up on its side and began to drop, my view of the vertiginous granite wall was distorted by the g-force, which made it look ludicrously overhanging. Our team of climbers began cheering like kids at an amusement park. Pinned to our seats, we lost 5,000 feet of elevation in a matter of seconds, then leveled off just above the frozen surface of Stewart Lake. The ice had appeared silky smooth from above, but closer inspection now revealed it to be riddled with cracks and pressure ridges. "Should we abort the landing?" I tried to yell, but my voice was drowned out by the din of the engines and our pilot, who came on over the P.A: "Brace yourselves, this is gonna be a rough one." When the skis collided with the rock hard ice, our plane started skipping like a stone across the lake, sending us into a dangerous tailspin. Reacting quickly, our pilot, Duncan, gunned one of the engines, and we skidded to a stop. The six of us climbed out onto Stewart Lake, on the east coast of Baffin Island, where the temperature was a bracing -30 degrees Farenheit. For several minutes, we stood in silent awe of the majestic cliffs lining both sides of this remote arctic valley. Towering directly above us, one of the best big walls any of us had ever seen was basking in the amber light of an evening sunset. "Well boys," said Greg, the trip leader, "I guess this will have to do."

We now had to do everything while attached to the cliff with a rope.

Everything, from cooking to going to the bathroom, had to be coordinated and orchestrated with the entire group.

John Catto taking in the view at the second bivoac on Sail Peak's upper head wall.

Truly, we could not have picked a better place to search for uncharted big walls. The east coast of Baffin Island is incised by a series of 26 fjords, the vast majority of which have never been visited by nonnative people. Varying between 30 to 70 miles in length, these fjords are lined, like granite corridors, with sea cliffs of staggering proportions. Located north of Hudson Bay and west of Greenland, the bulk of this sparsely populated island lies above 66 degrees latitude (the Arctic Circle). Less than 10,000 Inuit call Baffin home, a population that has survived by hunting marine mammals in this treeless, barren wasteland for more than 4,000 years.

The big walls reach their maximum potential in the Sam Ford Fjord, which contains several formations bigger than Yosemite's 3,000-foot El Capitan. As photographer and Baffin expert Eugene Fisher explained in a 1994 Baffin Island photo essay that appeared in *Climbing* magazine: "Yosemite Valley would count as a minor side fjord if it were located along this coast." In 1995, prompted by Fisher's photo essay, I traveled to the Sam Ford Fjord and returned for a second time in 1996. All told, over the course of those two years, I spent four months climbing on the rock walls lining Sam Ford Fjord. During that time I established three first ascents, including the north face of Polar Sun Spire—a 4,700-foot spire that took 39 days to climb.

Our 1998 Baffin expedition included six people: four climbers (myself, Jared Ogden, Greg Child, and Alex Lowe) and two cameramen (Gordon Wiltsie and John Catto). We arrived in Clyde River on May 20, still close enough to winter that the temperature hovered around zero. Since most of the walls rise directly from the ocean, the only way to safely approach these sea cliffs is to travel when the ocean is still locked beneath a six-foot-thick ice sheet. Consequently, climbers must arrive in May and be finished by early July when the ice finally breaks up. Breakup is a dangerous time of year, when pack ice makes the fjords impassable by skidoo or boat.

As was their custom, our outfitters, the Illuaq family, invited us to their home to have dinner on our first night in town. In their two-story wooden house on the outskirts of Clyde River (pop. 250), Beverly prepared a traditional Inuit meal of arctic char and polar bear. Jushua, her husband and the head guide, sat back smoking his hand-rolled cigarettes, looking deadly serious one moment and then giggling uncontrollably the next. He and a few of his fellow guides, an uncle and two cousins, clucked away in their native Inuktitut language. We never knew exactly what they were talking about, but they kept looking us over, and then busting up laughing. Even if it was at our expense, we couldn't help but get caught up in their good humor.

The plan was to have Jushua and a few of his men drag us and our gear the 70 miles into the Stewart Valley aboard giant sleds called komatiks. The flat, frozen surface of the Arctic Ocean is a veritable highway for the Inuit and their snowmobiles for eight months out of the year, so we did not anticipate any great hindrances, other than bundling up against the stinging cold.

In ideal conditions, you should be able to snowmobile into Stewart Valley in two long days. Unfortunately, it stormed nearly constantly after the day we arrived. Nine days after leaving Clyde

PHOTOGRAPHY BY MARK SYNNOTT

THE NORTH FACE
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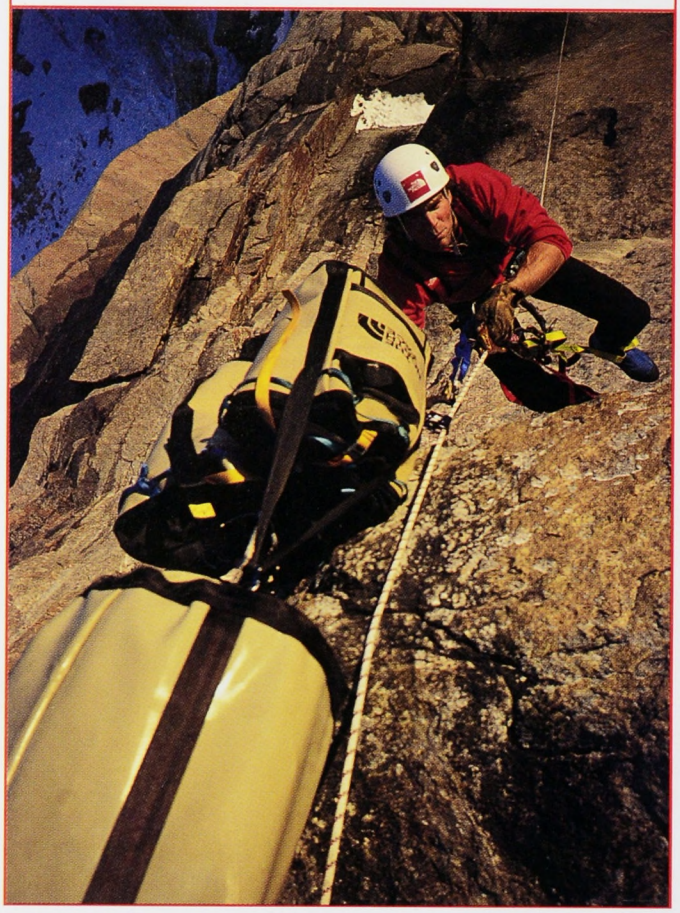
Rations such as food and fuel have to be calculated with mathematical precision, and no item, no matter how small, can be overlooked.

How many calories will we need per day?

How much fuel will it take to melt snow into drinking water?



Because the media was involved, they decided to haul "the kitchen sink"—that meant 23 haul bags, each one holding between 60 and 80 pounds.

River by snowmobile, we arrived at the base of our objective, thoroughly frozen and road worn from the hard trip. Only a few hours after bidding good-bye to our Inuit friends and pitching our tents, we loaded up for our first carry to the base of the wall. It was approximately 1,500 feet of steep post-holing in knee-deep snow, which was no easy task under the 80-pound haul bags.

We spent the next week making three and four carries a day. Because of the media involvement in our climb, we decided to give ourselves a wide measure of security by hauling what climbers refer to as "the kitchen sink." We had 23 haul bags, each holding between 60 and 80 pounds. They contained an untold fortune in camera gear, hundreds of rolls of film, huge bags of beef jerky, freeze-dried dinners, hundreds of cliff bars, sleeping bags, bivi sacks, portaledges (hanging bat tents that clip to the wall and sleep two), a VHF radio, a notebook computer, solar panels, and nearly 2,000 feet of rope. The rock in Baffin Island, a granitic gneiss, is quite young, which means it hasn't had a lot of time to get split up by cracks. Normally, these lines of weakness are the routes that climbers seek out. Only in cracks, preferably between 1/8 and 4 inches wide, can climbers find placements for pitons, wired stoppers, and camming devices—the tools of the trade.

The first 1,700 feet of the wall was somewhat low angle and broken. Above this unaesthetic section of the route, the face was split by an enormous ledge, several football fields wide. Our plan was to climb up to this ledge, laying static ropes behind us as we went. We would then use these ropes to haul our bags up to our first camp. We were lucky in that the ledge contained several large snow patches we could use to melt drinking water. This meant we could avoid hauling this significant weight (approximately eight pounds per gallon) of water bottles from the bottom.

Thorough logistical planning is an essential requirement for any climbing expedition heading to a remote, alpine environment. Rations such as food and fuel have to be calculated with mathematical precision, and no item, no matter how small, can be overlooked. How many calories will we need per day? How much fuel will it take to melt snow into drinking water? Expeditions have to learn the ropes by a frustrating process of trial and error. To compound the problem, we knew that to document the entire ascent with stills and video, we would have to climb the wall once for real, and then again for the cameras.

We lived on the big ledge, 1,700 feet up the wall, for about 10 days before we were finally ready to move up our camp. It took us about 24 hours to haul our three-ring circus another 1,000 feet vertically. The hauling was brutally hard work, and it chafed my hips and legs raw under my harness. In keeping with our capsule-style ascent, our plan was to continue fixing pitches above the hanging camp, until we felt within striking distance of the top.

Unlike ledge camp, where we had been able to walk around completely unroped, we now had to do everything while attached to the cliff with a rope. Everything, from cooking to going to the bathroom, had to be coordinated and orchestrated with the entire group. Our system required that someone was always on lead. Four climbers could be split into two groups, and with 24 hours of daylight, there was no reason not to be constantly pushing the route forward. This also left time for half the group to work on filming, while the others climbed ahead. A big question throughout our climb was whether the crack would ever peter out. Scoping this line from below with binoculars, it had been impossible to tell whether our crack system continued above the roof we were now sleeping under. You could just barely make out a faint ripple in the rock, but it could easily have been a water streak, some lichen, or even a vein of quartz or calcite. It was a gamble, because the route was leading us into the middle of the blankest headwall I'd ever seen. If the crack suddenly ended, we would be forced to drill bolts (a hateful task) or possibly bail.

Hanging by a thread is a way of life for climbers like Synnott.

Somehow our dreams had been answered, because the tiny fissure in the rock, often no more than 1/16 inch thick, just kept going and going. It was hard to get into a rhythm with our climbing because our conflicting schedules and agendas created a hodgepodge of people doing what they could when they felt like it. The 24 hours of daylight allowed us to split into two climbing teams so someone was always up on the sharp end, pushing the route ahead. It also meant that no one was getting enough sleep, and after a week of listening to water dripping on the rain fly of the portaledge, we were all feeling pretty frazzled. Jared and I were pushing the route ahead one day, planning to fix two lines and return to camp, when we noticed that the rim of the wall was only about 300 feet overhead. We hadn't been able to see the top for a while, and while we knew we were close, we hadn't realized how close.

"What do you think?" Jared asked, with a conniving grin on his face. "Should we go for it?" We had made a plan to return to the wall camp one more time before going for the top, and the other guys would definitely be bummed if we led their pitches. Still, there was the top, right above us, beckoning.

I called down to wall camp and learned, in no uncertain terms, that we were expected to wait because there was more filming to do. In contrast to all of our previous climbs, which we had done for fun, this was indeed a paying job. There were strings attached, and one of them was tugging on us now. Reluctantly, we huddled up on a small shady ledge to wait for the rest of the team. We knew it would be a while before they suited up and jumared the 900 feet of free hanging static line to join us.

Reaching the summit of a big wall climb can be a lot different than making the summit of a big snowy peak. Although this mountain did have a fairly distinct high point, it did not represent to us the pinnacle of our ascent. The wall itself had been far more dramatic and challenging than this low angle talus field. It was a relief to know, though, that we had succeeded, not only in climbing the wall, but in capturing the experience on film and video. The climb resulted in a January 1999 article in *National Geographic* and a show on the PBS National Geographic Explorer Series.

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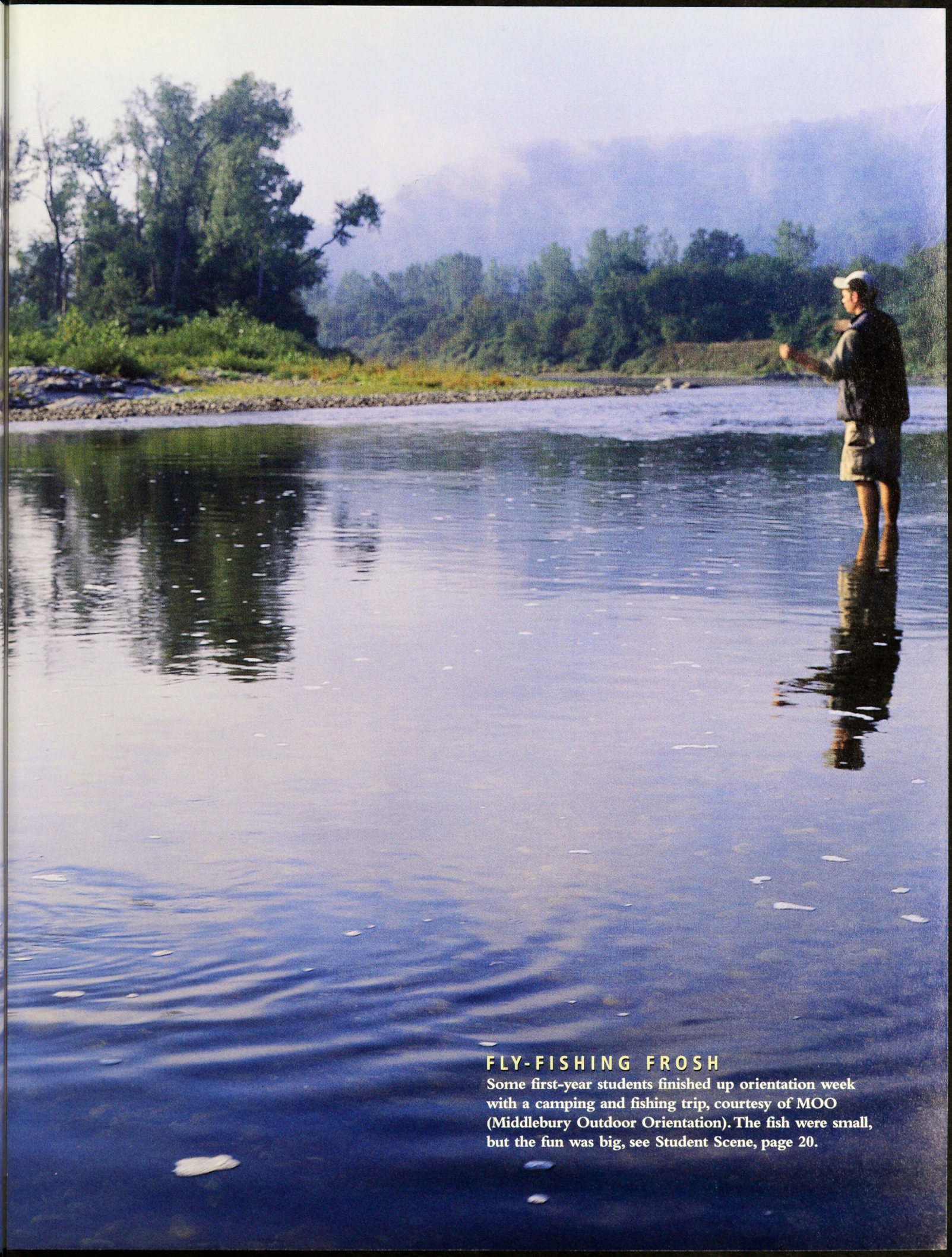

FLY-FISHING FROSH

Some first-year students finished up orientation week with a camping and fishing trip, courtesy of MOO (Middlebury Outdoor Orientation). The fish were small, but the fun was big, see Student Scene, page 20.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 1999

Middlebury *November 12-13,* Bicentennial Symposium: Commitment to Our World

Middlebury *November 13,* Concert Series: Music From China

Chicago *November 13,* Family Day at Kohl's Children Museum

Middlebury *November 19,* Midd Chamber Soloists: 20th Century Americans In Paris

Chicago *November 23,* NESCAC Happy Hour

France *November 20-28,* Football Reunion

DECEMBER 1999

Boston *December 1,* Holiday Reception, State Street Bank

NYC *December 8,* Holiday Reception

Middlebury *December 9-11,* Theatre Production: The Rover

JANUARY 2000

Middlebury *January 15,* Concert Series: The Vermeer Quartet

Middlebury *January 15,* Alumna Film Screening: Gretchen Widmer '88, All the Rage

Middlebury *January 18-April 16,* Museum Exhibition: Fifty Years: Faculty Art at Middlebury

Middlebury *January 20-22,* Theatre Production: Blue Forest

Middlebury *January 22,* Alumnus Film Screening: Rick Shane '69, Always Outnumbered

PHOTOGRAPH BY BOB HANDELMAN

CHAPTER NEWS

SPOTLIGHT ON THE NEW YORK CHAPTER

"IT'S SNOWING," proclaimed a large billboard in front of the Brooklyn Museum on a hot day last June. And indeed it was—in over 100 Impressionist paintings on loan from all over the world for a spectacular exhibition, "Impressionists in Winter: Effets de Neige." The exhibition drew over 70 participants from the New York area for a special visit to the museum and the neighboring Brooklyn Botanical Gardens.

Kirsten Powell, the Christian A. Johnson Professor of Art, opened the morning with a slide talk to prepare visitors for the exhibition. With parallels to Robert Frost's sense of snow, she sketched some of the reasons why the French Impressionists saw the depiction of the snowy landscape as the ultimate artistic challenge. Following Professor Powell's introduction, the group took in the exhibition at its leisure, observing how the Impressionists learned to see color in shadows and abstract forms in snow-covered fields. With stunning paintings like Monet's ice floes and snow-covered haystacks, memories of Middlebury winters merged with images of 19th-century France.

Battling a mild case of climate shock, the group moved to the lush Brooklyn Botanical Gardens after lunch, enjoying the brilliant June day and summer's return. Special thanks to Briana Miller '96 and Mary Robertson '94 who organized this wonderful event. For more information about upcoming New York City chapter organization, attending events, contact Mary at 718-488-8410; mhrobertson@yahoo.com

LACROSSE AT 8,000 FEET

The dream of sending a Middlebury alumni lacrosse team to the Vail Lacrosse Shootout became a reality when 35 former Middlebury players entered the master's division for the first time in 1997. Players from the classes of '60, '70, and '80 were reunited to field a competitive, all-alumni team that has returned in 1997, 1998 and 1999 for eight days of lacrosse at eight thousand feet. Interested lacrosse alums should check out the club's Web site at http://www.middleburylacrosse.org to learn more about the alumni team or contact Bob Sideli '77 at info@middleburylacrosse.org.

AT HOME AGAIN IN MIDDLEBURY

"When I graduated, I called the alumni office and said, 'Take my name off the mailing list.' I had had a falling out with one of our deans and I didn't even want to associate with Middlebury. Well, 10 years went by and my only contact with Middlebury was some visits to see my old college roommate, but I kept feeling that something was missing from my life. I finally realized the spat that I had with the College might have been important when I was a 21-year-old, but 10 years later, it just didn't seem as important. It was back in 1985 that I called the alumni office and asked them to put my name back on the mailing list.

The first *Middlebury Magazine* I received had an ad in it for alumni admissions volunteers, so I called their office and suddenly I was doing college fairs in Southern California. I began talking with high school kids and their parents at these fairs and it really helped me to fall in love with the College all over again. Then I came back for my 10th reunion in '86 and had a great time—that really cemented my relationship with Middlebury. Before I knew it, I got to know a number of people on staff, a bunch of students, especially those who I had interviewed in the alumni admissions process, and every time I headed back to the Champlain Valley, it was like coming home again.

Five years ago, my wife Judi and I had come back so many times that we really felt like part of the Midd family. We knew for many years that California did not offer the quality of life we were looking for, so we made a five-year plan to move to Middlebury. I'm a tax accountant, and technology has enabled my business to move with us. So here it is 1999, we moved into our house just a few miles from campus, and our plan is basically complete.

The College is a great place to visit and to just be around, but it's the kids who we feel closest to. The connections with them are so important—they're just great kids—they are the life blood of this place." —*Kim Loewer '76*

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Ward Oliver, 35 North Grand St., Cobleskill, NY 12043.*

We are indebted to Gertrude Knight Cleverdon '35 for sending news of our **Evelyn Plumley Adams**. Evelyn and Gertrude are both residents of Rivermead in Peterborough, NH. As you will recall, Evelyn was well known for a remarkable collection of trilliums at her Wellesley, MA, home. When she retired to Rivermead a few years ago, her entire collection was moved to the Garden in the Woods in Framingham, MA, where it could be preserved. A group of Rivermead residents recently made a special trip down to see the trilliums. Gertrude reports that, although Evelyn did not attempt to make the trip herself, she was very pleased for her friends to see the flowers. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Esther Sargent Urquhart** on March 3. Her sister, the late Aroline H. Sargent, was a member of the Class of 1922. We send the condolences of the class to all of Esther's family, including granddaughter Lindsay Putnam '80. A memorial appeared in the summer issue.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. J.D. Coombs (Miriam Sweet), 13 Highland St., Concord, MA 01742 (phone 978/369-5595).*

Fall greetings. You will have read the memorial to our classmate, **Gordon Wiley**, in the summer issue of this magazine. The news came to me as I was about to send 93rd birthday wishes to him. Fall seems just the right time to remember Gordon. We first met him in September '24, as one of the 1928 prospective freshman football candidates. He, along with **Ron Furbush, George Hinman, Carleton Simmons**, and **Nap Blanchette**, were all determined to play, even if the squad had no regular playing field and their training involved running around the campus. They made it. They had mostly prep school opponents that first year and all of them were playing when Gordon became the captain of Midd varsity during our junior year. Gordon's quiet leadership was also recognized when he was chosen to represent his fraternity in Dalta Tau, an organization promoting athletics, planning activities, and acting as hosts for visiting teams. As one classmate said, "I remember nothing but nice things about Gordon." We did not hear from him often after college, but **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** and her husband were fortunate to have Gordon and his wife and family as church friends in Delmar, NY. We send our sympathy to his family: Mary Lou '51, Robert '55, James '64, and Jane. ✷ **Elizabeth Stoughton Westfall** is very content at Franciscan Manor, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. She is near her daughter and family. She avoids the early morning breakfast schedule by getting her own, but she enjoys the fellowship that lunch and dinner provide. Available transportation allows her the independence to do shopping and banking. Lib's telephone number is 813-497-1409 and her room number is 205. Call her! ✷ **Ruth Simmons Dinkel** and her family have a unique birthday celebration scheme. They find a day when they can all be together and celebrate all their birthdays at once. Though she doesn't call attention to her own, we know her secret. She acknowledges that her current reading material would not meet "Davy's" American lit standards. ✷ We were not sure that **Storrs Lee** would come back to Maine after spending the winter in Hawaii, but he did come back in April. He continues to garden, but claims that this year's effort is not up to standard. ✷ **Helen Revere Hatch** will be involved not only with symphony this season, but also with Venice Opera (connected with Sarasota Opera). After that 100-cream-puff story, I had to ask about possible new culinary creations. Would you believe, just right for fall, she has added cherry tomatoes, stuffed with cheese and a bit of brandy? She credits her teacher who has Parker House and Fannie Farmer roots with inspiring her. ✷ **Tib Moody Rice** sends greetings from her Dartmouth Court apartment in Bedford, MA. Visits to her daughter in RI are the extent of her travels these days. ✷ Here in Concord, we're celebrating Concord's Ephraim Bull's sowing of the Concord grape 150 years ago and dentist Thomas Welch's pasteurization of grape juice 20 years later. Welch's headquarters, now in Concord, have given access to all the old ads, even to "Howdy Doody." The Concord Museum exhibit will continue to November, giving another "leaf peeping" Concord attraction. I've learned not to begin my calls to you with the annoying "How are you today?" You're all so smart and wary that I'm at risk of hang-ups. Proud of you. Mimi

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Class Secretary: *Dr. Raymond J. Saulnier, 230 Heron Point, Chestertown, MD 21620-1676.*

It was a sentimental and very pleasant journey to go back to Middlebury for the 70th Reunion of our 1929 class. There were four of us to represent the class—**Grace Cheney Greene, Eula Cargill Kelley, Ruth Rogers Lambert**, and myself—and we were handsomely entertained by the College. Housed conveniently and comfortably in Gifford (it wasn't there in 1925!), we had a festive Saturday lunch at 3 South Street, with gifts for each of us and a class photo on the lawn. Our dinner was in the president's dining room in Proctor Hall. Then we had front seats at the Mead Chapel convocation of reunion classes. We were last to march in, under a large 1929 banner, with loud cheers and some gasps of surprise at our advanced age. There were many occasions to visit among ourselves and with members of other classes. The only regret is that so many of our class could not be there, but there will be an opportunity to correct that next year when the College celebrates its 200th birthday. Let's plan to be there. ✷ On a sad note, as mentioned in the last column, I must report the recent death of **Morris T. "Morrie" Johnson** in Batavia, NY, his long-time home, after a long and notably constructive career as a farmer, a leader in the development of farm and community financing agencies, and a great force for good in his community. I believe Morrie had hoped until recently to attend the 70th Reunion. ✷ You will have also seen a memorial for **Sigrid Manty Doubleday** in the summer issue. We send the condolences of the class to her daughter, Barbara M. Doubleday '60.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Spencer E. Norton (Ellen Kellogg), 27 S. Water St., Vergennes, VT 05491; and Mr. Walton T. Crocker, Ocean View, #218, 52 Falmouth Rd., Falmouth, ME 04105.*

We are sorry to report that **Walt Crocker,** whose 90th birthday celebration was reported in the summer issue, recently took a fall and fractured his hip. He is doing as well as can be expected in assisted living and would love to hear from friends at the address above. We are hopeful that **E. Parker Calvert** (6251 Old Dominion Dr., #225, McLean,

VA 22101) will lend us a hand with reporting class notes for our column. ✷ Congratulations are in order to several more classmates who have celebrated their 90th birthdays. The list now includes **Parker Calvert, Marshall Montgomery, Phil Bates, Phil Brewer, Ken MacClelland,** and **Dick Fear.** ✷ **Mary Stolte Toomey** writes that she is "back on the golf course again, but 'the form ain't what it uster be.' Does anyone else have trouble keeping flower beds pristine? I look forward to weekly bridge when Jo Knox Divoll '35 returns from Florida." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Frances Everett Hanchett** on September 26, 1998. Her husband, John, died less than three months later. We send the condolences of the class to her family, especially son John Hanchett in Fairbanks, AK.

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Class Secretaries: *Volunteers are needed to help with news gathering for the Class of 1932. Please address inquiries to Dotty McCarty, Alumni Editor, Middlebury Magazine, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753.*

With great sadness, we must report the death of **Marion Jones Munford**. Cancer claimed her on July 20, 1999, at home on South Street with her family. Ever a humble person, Marion succeeded in doing a great deal to help the needy, simply by persisting in her quiet way. We convey our condolences to her loved ones, especially her husband, Howard '34, and their children, Martha Munford Hillemann '79 and David Munford '72. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue, but we would like to reprint excerpts from the citation read at the presentation of her honorary degree in 1994: "Marion Munford has been a community volunteer and leader in Addison County for decades. After graduating from Middlebury College, she taught English, history, and biology, and embarked on a long career in library work at Dartmouth, Harvard, Boston City Hospital, the Bread Loaf School of English, and Porter Hospital in Middlebury. Starting in 1960, she directed and taught laboratory sections in Middlebury College's biology department for several years and later served as codirector of a program designed to bring African American students to the campus for a special summer academic program in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King. Among the community programs she has helped to initiate, run, or support in recent years have been the Christmas Shop, which has provided clothing and toys for more than 600 Addison County children; the Clothing Room, a program she established to provide clean clothing to hundreds of low income families in the area; the John Graham Shelter, a homeless shelter in Vergennes; and Volunteers for Community Action, a group which created the first modern-day food shelf in the '60s which is still alive and strong." Her presence in Middlebury will be sorely missed, but long remembered.

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Class Secretary: *Mrs. Edward W. Weeks (Mary Duryee), P.O. Box 151, Ashburnham, MA 01430, and Mrs. W. Dale Brown (Miriam Barber), 2830 Elmwood Ln., Mount Dora, FL 32757 (352/735-5761).*

Catawba College has bestowed its highest honor upon **Mary Omwake Dearborn.** On May 12 she received the Adrian L. Shuford Award for Distinguished Service from the president of Catawba College in Hickory, NC. The award is given annually to the individual who has played an outstanding role in supporting the college and its programs through time, talent, and resources. Daughter of the 15th president of Catawba, Mary taught French and physical education there from 1933 to 1940 and worked in the alumni office from 1968 to 1977. Mary actively supports theater and music events on the campus and is also active in the United Church of Christ. Her late husband, Donald Dearborn, served Catawba as professor and president of the college. A resident of Salisbury, Mary has three children and five grandchildren. ✷ From **Ralph C. Whitney:** "I will be 92 on November 29, 1999. Taught in various Vermont and New York schools, all sciences, until retirement at 65 years. Seven years during World War II in machine shop. So be it!" ✷ **Mary Omwake Dearborn, Ruth Nodding Hopkins,** and **Mary Duryee Weeks** had lunch with Doris Hiller Lynch '35 at her Carol Woods Retirement Home in Chapel Hill, NC last April. ✷ Sympathy is extended to classmate **Fenwick Buffum** in the loss of his beloved wife, Mildred. She and "Buff" attended many class reunions. Following his early retirement in 1970, he realized a boyhood dream. Together they owned the Mil-Fen Farm in Maurertown, VA, raising (and occasionally racing) thoroughbred race horses. Buff has been visiting their daughters and families, as he considers possible life in a retirement-home setting.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Andrew W. Reid (Eleanor Orde), 25 Walhowdon Way, Lebanon, NH 03766; and James A. Fechheimer, 26 Salem Way, Glen Head, NY 11545.*

When I (**Eleanor**) and my husband, Andrew W. Reid, came to our 50th Middlebury Reunion in 1984, we stayed at the Middlebury Inn. After my husband's death, I returned for my 60th Reunion and again stayed at the Inn. But for the very special 65th Reunion of our class, I wanted to stay at the College, perhaps to bring back memories. I was amazed at the diversity of the College program and the skill with which everything was planned and executed. Certainly the highlight of the weekend was the alumni convocation Saturday morning in Mead Chapel when the classes gathered. **James Fechheimer** and I, as class secretaries of the honored 65th returning class led our classmates down the center aisle to row two, amid the clapping and tapping of Gamaliel Painter's canes. I found this very moving and wished all our class members could have been present. Luncheon was served at President and Mrs. McCardell's home, followed by our class picture taking. In the evening, our class dinner at Proctor—where we were entertained by a delightful group of student vocalists—brought a fine day to an end. An appropriate farewell was the Sunday service at Mead Chapel. ✷ On a sad note, we have received notice of the deaths of three classmates: former class secretary **Marion Day Ellison** (March 28), **Evald B. Olson** (February 5), and **Louis G. Caiazza** (no date available). We send the condolences of the class to their families. Memorials appeared in the summer issue for Marion and Evald.

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Class Secretaries: *Miss Avis E. Fischer, Wood River Vge., #J102, 3200 Bensalem Blvd., Bensalem, PA 19020; and Alma Davis Struble (Mrs. Robert), 1977 Marlboro Rd., Kennett Square, PA 19348.*

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Alma Davis Struble says she has "had great fun writing my autobiography for the younger generations in the family, recalling old friends, rethinking past experiences, re-seeing in my imagination many of the places I visited around the world. I recommend this activity to all who have time—and that should be most of us at this stage of our lives. I hope someday to put more life in it by telling it on tape. If you don't know where to start, how about the day you were born? You'll find it easy once you put pen to paper. And use some photographs to add interest." ✷ **Doris Tucker Kniskern** is still living in her own home, but not driving any more. "My children and grandchildren keep me happy. Retired from the public library (part time) at 84, when I broke my hip." ✷ **Natalie Dunsmoor** writes: "I am so thankful that I have good eyesight, I can hear, I can write (no computers in my life), I can walk, I can dance, I can sing, I can drive my car, I can manage living alone in my family homestead—but I forget my next door neighbor's name every once in awhile. I continue to be involved with many church groups in Waterbury and I try to attend all state and national church celebrations." ✷ Carroll and **Virginia Easler Wilson** entertain frequently and often "play silly games." Ginny is a volunteer in the library of their retirement community in Sarasota. At a tea recently they raised $7,000 in contributions, "the most ever." Every Friday the Wilsons attend vespers, where Carroll sings in the men's chorus. ✷ **Louise Fleig Newman** writes that eruptions and earthquakes she experienced in Anchorage were nothing compared with the May tornado in Oklahoma. Happier news was her birthday celebration with most of their three generations together to shop, dine out, go to church, and make plans for our 65th Reunion at Midd. When she learned that Carroll and **Ginny Easler Wilson** were planning a summer trip on the QE II, she remembered her own first ocean voyage to Germany in 1929: "That ocean voyage was so special to have at age 16!" Louise is a volunteer in a hospital shop that earned $25,000 last year. She has returned to TX to visit travel-agent-daughter Suzie and to see old friends. One trip to TX included a luncheon to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport, a project in which her husband, Bud Newman '33, had been involved. ✷ **Mundy Allen Keppler** reports from the West Coast that she indulges herself with Meals on Wheels and a cleaning woman. Daughter Carol, "supreme caretaker," indulges her further for "shopping, edible goodies, etc.—and the important part of the etc. is chocolate—underlined, exclamation point." Most of us would agree with her that "the most difficult part of change is not driving." ✷ After a bout with intolerance for wheat, **Gertrude Knight Cleverdon** writes: "I have become a reader of labels." Good advice for all of us! She has helped to develop many activities in her retirement community, including a sugaring-off party and visits to Monadnock music programs and the Peterborough Players. Gertrude still drives, so she is the envy of her friends. She was celebrating July 4 in WI, with about 10 days of fun with relatives from CA and AK. ✷ **Jessie Gibson Prouty** organized a get-together for all her family, including some members from CO and Philadelphia, on the beach at Harwichport. They had two cottages and a terrific time: "It was just wonderful." ✷ A year ago, **Betty Bryan Sheldon** moved to a retirement community (207 Reed's Landing, Springfield, MA 01109), where she volunteers in the assisted living and memory impaired areas. In spring she and a son and daughter enjoyed a trip to Scotland. They had seven out of nine beautiful days, which she thinks must be "some kind of record." In June, she had "a good gabfest with Natt '34 and **Jo Knox Divoll.** Mavis "Joney" Jones Little '36 visited the same day. ✷ **Vera Brooks Knapp** writes: "Quality time with family and friends is a high priority. Thoroughly enjoy the holidays spent with son Gary and his wife, Paula, in their lovely new home in Colchester, within easy walking distance of beautiful Lake Champlain. Granddaughter Carrie is in banking in Boston. Granddaughter Christy and her husband have moved to San Diego." ✷ We regret to report the death of **Marjorie McCann Hayne** on February 15. In college she was active in sports and was a member of both the Press Club and Wig and Pen. She was on the Dean's List her freshman year. To all her family, the class sends heartfelt condolences. A memorial appeared in the summer issue.

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Class Secretaries: Mrs. M.W. Herrington (Ret Hanson), P.O. Box 390, Saranac Lake, NY 12983; and Dr. Angus M. Brooks, Odd Fellows Home, 200 Pleasant St., #273, Concord, NH 03301.

Ray and **Harmony Buell Cobb** recently returned from a cruise on the Baltic Sea. Using their ship as a hotel, they went ashore at nine places, including Stockholm, St. Petersburg, and Copenhagen. Ray had injured himself in a fall, so they were unsure until the last minute whether they would be able to take the trip. ✷ Last spring, **Agnes Harris Taylor** went to FL, where she plays golf on a beautiful 18-hole course. ✷ In May, **Barbara Warner Barry** had an operation due to a fall which damaged her spleen. Otherwise, she has managed to keep quite well, living in her big house alone. ✷ **Anna Mayo** is managing quite well, despite her eye problems. She is still able to drive locally. ✷ **Janet Howe Adams** has recovered well from a recent back operation, although husband Charles is now confined to a wheelchair due to a stroke. The good news is that daughter Susan is moving from TX back to their mid-Atlantic area. Son Peter and daughter Lynne already live nearby. ✷ **Mavis Jones Little** recently spent several days visiting **Betty Bryan Sheldon** in an elegant retirement home in Springfield, MA. While there, she heard of our July deadline for class notes and very kindly sent me a note. She and Betty had lunch with Div '34 and Jo Knox Divoll '35. ✷ **Louise Hutchinson** spent the summer in Bradford, VT, returning in the fall to her retirement home at Heritage Heights in Concord, NH, where she often talks with **Angus Brooks** and **Frances Wilkinson Russ.** She also corresponds with **Josephine Anderson Michaud** and **Clarice Gilpin Seymour.** ✷ Katie and **Angus Brooks** are enjoying their third-floor view of residential Concord from the Odd Fellows Home. They take their meals in a large dining room with others on an independent living program. They continue to use their car for errands into Concord; Angus still uses his five-speed bicycle for exercise and pleasure. He and Katie remember his bicycle tours into VT, including a 1975 trip when he pedaled from Middlebury up to Bread Loaf and coasted down into Hancock. Katie and Angus enjoyed a late spring visit from Max and **Ret Hanson Herrington,** who had been visiting daughter Nancy near Boston. The four joined Alfred and **Frances Wilkinson Russ** for lunch in town, where they enjoyed good food and good talk. Ret and Max told about a bicycle trip for the benefit of

WHAT THEY'D DO DIFFERENTLY IF THEY COULD "DO IT ALL AGAIN...."

"Nothing, if I started again as it was in 1931. I have always thought that I was in a dream world my four years at Middlebury—I didn't know what was happening in the country or the world. There were no cars on campus, no problems with drugs—it was hard work but fun to learn, and I made so many good friends!

—Doris Tucker Kniskern '35
Cobleskill, NY

"Work to get straight A's from Steve Freeman! I would have taken some courses in art, preferably watercolor. I regret not having a course with Dr. Cook."

—Mary Stolte Toomey '31
Grafton, VT

"I would not have picked up whooping cough, which quarantined me from shortly after Christmas until shortly before Easter. It surely put a crimp on my first year."

—Alma Davis Struble '35
Kennett Square, PA

"The tight organization, discipline, and deans made no allowances for us to do anything differently. I guess it didn't hurt. We survived the Depression and World War II."

—Roxana Lewis Blackmore '36
Schenectady, NY

"I would have taken four years of French instead of two—I would have skied instead of snowshoed for more fun in the snow. At age 86, I am going to try cross-country skiing! I would have tried harder to make the college choir; I would take organ lessons—I have always wished that I could play the organ.

—Natalie H. Dunsmoor '35
Waterbury, CT

the American Lung Assoc. taken by their son, Bill, and grandson Kelly from Seattle to Washington, DC, in summer 1998. Kelly, who has an asthmatic condition, made the trip fine. This summer, Kelly and his brother, Cory, did a bicycle trip from Sunday River, near the NH border, up to Rockland, ME. This trip benefited the Maine chapter of the American Lung Assoc. They have also hiked the length of the Long Trail in VT. Ret and Max are justifiably proud of their achievements for a good cause. ✷ Anne and **Dick Chase** are happy to stay close to home, convinced by their many travels that Westmoreland, NH, is hard to beat. Their flower and vegetable gardens give pleasure, with last year's raspberry patch yielding 387 pints! Dick was singing baritone for 28 concerts this summer with the Westmoreland Town Band. Recently the Kiwanis Club honored his 51 years of perfect attendance. Last winter he enjoyed skiing in CO with his son, who works at the Breckenridge ski area. Dick and Anne also enjoyed their grandson's performance at the Univ. of CO, Boulder, when he played the lead in Lend Me a Tenor. He is majoring in the performing arts. ✷ **Roxana Lewis Blackmore** reports that she has "no spare time. House, garden, trips to doctors (for husband). Social life is mostly VFW and AAUW." Roxie is "glad we could do M.A. credit while undergrads." She received her M.A in French in 1940. She also later attended Middlebury's Spanish School. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Everett F. Ellis** on January 20. Condolences go to his wife, Margaret, and all the family. A memorial appeared in the summer issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Barbara Hopkins (Barbara Gregory), 1021 W. Devonshire Rd., Delafield, WI 53018; and Marshall Sewell, 20 Morning Glory Ln., Whiting, NJ 08759.*

The Society of Woman Geographers honored **Gertrude Dole** with an Outstanding Achievement Award at its triennial meeting in FL last May. The citation mentioned her contributions in the field of anthropology—particularly the ecology and ethnology of South American Indians of the Amazon region—and her influence as a teacher and adviser of graduate students in anthropology. Congratulations! Although Trudie remains physically incapacitated in a nursing home in NYC, her sister informs us that she enjoys communications of all kinds. Her mailing address is c/o D.D. Johnson, 20 Loeffler Rd., #T619, Bloomfield, CT 06002. ✷ Good to hear from **Gladys Caldroney**, who reports an interesting trip to the Orient, cruising from Hong Kong to Japan along the China coast, with many sightseeing trips along the way. She has been blessed with good health, but admits that gardening does give her a bit of trouble. ✷ A letter from **Helen Dawson Campbell**'s daughter, Penny, tells us that Helen is a patient in an Alzheimer's unit. Although she struggles with confusion, she is a happy, busy person, delighting in her children, enjoying a resident cat, caring for flower gardens, and playing the piano for other residents. ✷ John '38 and **Carol Bloom Chalmers** are well and keeping busy with community work, particularly in the fields of foster care, welfare reform, and living wage issues. They were looking forward to a family gathering on Cape Cod in August. ✷ **Chuck** and Helene Cosenza '38 **Chase** were joining an Elderhostel group in June, visiting various sites along the Connecticut River. Later in the summer, they planned to spend time at their cottage. ✷ **Marion Gerling Church** still enjoys traveling to FL with friends in the winter and playing bridge often, in spite of some lack of mobility due to two knee replacements. She would like to see any Midd friends traveling her way. ✷ **Doris Downing Daley** had a busy year with the beautiful weddings of two granddaughters and a wonderful vacation in Palm Springs, CA. She planned her usual family reunion on Cape Cod this summer. ✷ **Eleanor Milligan Dormont** has the true gift of enjoying the everyday things about her, writing that she is "bird, flower, and pet happy." Her children live close by and visit often, prompting Eleanor and husband Paul to say, "No need for castles in Spain." Good for you both! ✷ Still spending summer in her "Sunapee Place," **Caroline Elliott Dorst** is enjoying her music and teaching some piano. She reminisced about still using her 1936 typewriter with French accents on it. She used to carry it to the gym for exams—"all but Greek"—in our Midd days. ✷ Rudy and **Jean (Mae) Wilcox Day** still make their annual journey to FL via motor home. They enjoy spending their time there with special friends, who also come every year. Mae's only granddaughter, a college senior, was elected president of student government and last year was named the student who had done most for her college. ✷ **Paul Foster** described a wedding in Dallas in which he was honored with giving the bride away. When the bride renewed her vows in Lausanne, Switzerland, Paul again played the role of "father of the bride." He spent two weeks in Switzerland and another week in London, before returning to Cape Cod. ✷ **Pete Frohock** admits he still loves to dance. However, his most important job is "carrying his wife's bags." She has played two concerts in Greece and was then invited to play the organ in Chartres Cathedral commemorating the 50th anniversary of French Liberation. No retirement there! ✷ Good to hear from **Marjorie Bulkeley Garwood** at last and learn that all are enjoying life from day to day. ✷ Marion and **Frank Guild** recently celebrated their 57th anniversary. Both are well and happy, and they enjoy having their daughter and family living nearby. ✷ After traveling from Australia to Russia, from AK to South America, Harold and **Cay Branch Frasure** have sold their beloved family home and farm and have moved into a cottage in a retirement complex. Cay is happy in her new home, although she is struggling with the usual problems of advancing age. She and Harold are both interested in hearing any Midd news and '37 activities. ✷ It was a joy to hear from "Perky" (**Marion Perkins Hackett**) at long last. She is living in a nursing home in St. Albans, VT, near her beloved cottage on Lake Champlain. She would love to hear from classmates at Holiday House, 642 Sheldon Rd., St. Albans, VT 05478. **Isabelle McCann Rogovin** writes: "My husband's failing health prevented me from attending our 60th Reunion and he died in September 1997, after 10 years of disability. I plan to stay in Waterford, CT, the rest of my life and in my home as long as I can find help. I play bridge every week, enjoy senior citizens and women's club activities, AAUW, and church. Since it takes me longer to do everything, I am very busy!" ✷ We regret to report the death of **Marjorie Fielden Kimball** on May 17. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✷ **Walt Brooker** reports that the cursed arthritis makes him quite immobile. He and Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40 spent a pleasant winter in Middlebury, enjoying the men's and women's hockey season in the beautiful new ice arena. ✷ **Nancy Blanchard Britton** has found her speech improved to some extent by recent surgery for a paralyzed vocal cord. Her son, Dr. Chuck Britton, has taken five of his students to Vienna to compete in the International Young Physicians Tournament, the first team fielded by the U.S. She also mentions a granddaughter, Sarah Weber, who won first place in her school's science fair and was chosen to play violin in a regional music festival. Nancy keeps active by running several miles before breakfast! ✷ The **Phil Brown** family was staying close to home this summer, with Helen recovering from a broken pelvis. Constant visits from children and grandchildren made summer fun, especially with Phil's new-found talents at cooking and housekeeping. ✷ **Juno Jones Corbett** is enjoying her treetop condo in the heart of downtown Venice, FL. She is trying to decide whether to stay where she is or move closer to her kids, while adjusting to life alone since Ross's death. What a universal problem among all us '37ers! ✷ **Doris Cutting** is very happy at Wake Robin, where there is so much going on all the time. She feels that in many ways Wake Robin is like the Middlebury of our era. Sounds great!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Charles M. Hall (Margaret Leslie), 510 Wake Robin Dr., Shelburne, VT 05482.*

Last spring, **Florence Hulme Miner** had the delightful experience of seeing her grandson, Jesse Koenig, graduate from Middlebury magna cum laude. "Then—the icing on the cake—after the graduation ceremonies Charlie and **Tommy Leslie Hall** came to pick me up and took me to Wake Robin for a lovely overnight stay. Thanks to Tommy's hospitable arrangements, I also saw Lois Bestor Craig '37 and had a good chat with **E. Barnum Gardner**." ✷ **Sherb Lovell**'s fascinating account of his hitchhiking tour of the U.S. in 1937 ran as a series in the Springfield (VT) *Reporter* last spring. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Arthur L. Barney** on January 14. Condolences go to his wife and to his daughter, Anne Barney Van Order '79. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ✷ Condolences also go to the family of **Alice Chase Wells**, who died on May 16. ✷ **Anne Kilbride Long** sent the sad news that her husband, Tom, died on December 8, 1998. In the spring Anne wrote a lovely letter about her recent trip to CA, where she attended a grandson's Eagle Scout award ceremony. Anne lives in North York, Ontario, a suburb of Toronto, where she is "back to the bridge table three times a week and spends time with friends and family." ✷ **Polly Overton Camp** wrote that "snow bunnies from Florida, **Louise Hoyt Short** and **Bets Osborne Peeler** were north, so I rounded up **Jeanie Hoadley Dudley** and we lunched together here. Nels and Bets' husband Jim took a walk while there was much chatter and laughing, but nothing startling was discovered." Proving once again that besides offering us a great education, Middlebury also gave us friendships to last a lifetime. It is indeed remarkable how the years roll away when we make opportunities for mini-reunions. ✷ **Art** and Beverly Browning '39 **Gilbert** spent the summer at their camp across the lake at Willsboro. We miss them here at Wake Robin and looked forward to their return. ✷ Soon after Frank and **Eleanor Barnum Gardner** moved to Wake Robin, Eleanor started a quilting group. Five residents meet once a week for several hours. Their current project is creating beautifully designed quilts for each room at Respite House, a residence for terminally ill patients in Williston.

Elizabeth Saunders '99 and her grandfather, Stan Saunders '40 (see 1940 column)

Instead of being numbered, each room is named for an animal, so E. and her committee have designed individual quilts with the appropriate animal motif. They have completed 12 of the total 14. ✷ Can you top this? Dale and **Janet Randall Morgan** have 12 great-grandchildren!

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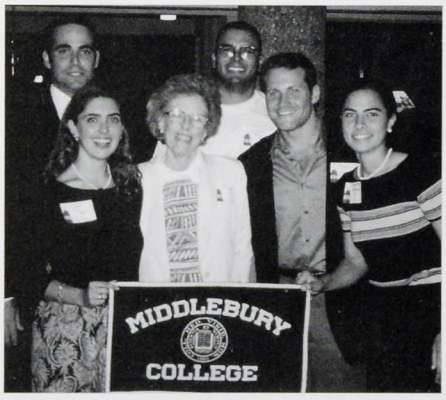
Class Secretaries: *Ms. Jeanette Olson Gould, 632 Red Barn Rd., Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; and Mrs. Raymond J. Skinner (Ruth Coleman), Brainerd St., P.O. Box 52, Danville, VT 05828.*

Retiring class secretaries **Thor** and **Carol Miner Gustafson** report: On a beautiful and very warm weekend, 36 members of the Class of 1939 and respective spouses and friends gathered for a most wonderful reunion. Due to the cooperation of the Middlebury staff and student hosts, we had a great get-together. After registration and settling in, we had an outdoor cookout dinner in front of Proctor which was most attractively presented. Afterwards we had a chance to visit at the Gamut Room at Gifford or attend various concerts or bands. On Saturday there were walking tours of the campus and the Rededication of Old Stone Row, recognizing the listing of Old Chapel, Painter Hall, and Starr Hall on the National Register of Historic Places. We then assembled for our reunion parade and the Alumni Convocation at Mead Chapel. It is always a thrill to be present at this gathering of all the classes with the chapel adorned by class banners. It was especially thrilling to see four members of the class of 1929 being escorted down the aisle by President and Mrs. McCardell amidst much clapping and tapping of canes. It was rather unnerving to find our class in the next row of seats! At Convocation, they announced our reunion gift of $456,578 with approximately 90 percent participating, thanks to the outstanding efforts of **Bert MacFadden** and committee members **Jeanette Gould, Betty Mettler**, and **Duncan Rollason**. After chapel we proceeded to the president's house for a delicious luncheon. A highlight of this occasion was the presentation by Don Meserve, Jr., to President McCardell of an ancient deflated football—a relic from the famous 1923 game between Middlebury and Harvard which ended in a 6-6 tie score. Do you remember President Moody telling the story in Chapel? When he was called about the game, he thought his informant said the score was 66-6, which was what he expected it would be. It was quite an event to have the son of our deceased classmate, **Don Meserve**, be with us. President McCardell gave a wonderful acceptance speech in recognition of this most unusual gift for Middlebury's sports history. We had our class picture taken in front of the president's house, then we reconvened at the amphitheater alongside Gifford where the college chaplain, Laurel Macaulay Jordan '79, graciously conducted a very moving service. A candle was lit by various members of the class for each of the members of our class who have passed on since our last reunion: **Arthena Gregg Atwood, Borden Avery, Melvin Carter, Leonard Galassi, Beth Heward Jackson, Hazel Bien Mack, Anna Sprague Munson, George (Coolie) Park, Richard Sabra, Stanley Sprague, Donald Stone, Stanley Thompson**, and **Cora May Farrier Wade**. That afternoon various tours of town and campus were conducted, after which we assembled at the Middlebury Inn for an excellent dinner arranged by **Louise Roberts Avery**. As Master of Ceremony, **A. Roger Clarke** entertained us with poetry and prose. Our special guests were Walter '37 and Bobbie Carrick Brooker '40 and Bob '40 and Bobbie Plumer Alden '40. A surprise award was presented to **Bert MacFadden**, the Gold Key Award, given to the post-50th reunion class with the greatest percentage of class members participating. After dinner some of our more active classmates went to a reunion dance, while others gathered again in the Gamut Room. Our weekend concluded with a delicious brunch on Sunday at the home of Correan and **Bob Cushman** on Court Street. It was a wonderful get-together as we were all in an intimate setting and in a beautiful home where we could visit and partake of a particularly delightful and elegant brunch before leaving Middlebury and heading home. ✷ Those attending reunion, and not mentioned elsewhere in this column, were **Irene Fernandez Anderson, Harriett Barnes Ball, Elinor Wieland Cain, Boyd Carr, Dorothy Korb Carter, Helen Brewer Chadwick, Virginia Orde Church, Joyce Mackenzie Cropsey, Jane Howard Fiske, Joseph Foley, Beverly Browning Gilbert, Edward Grosenbeck, Betty Anne Dunning Jones, Kenneth Kinsey, Elizabeth Letson, Bertha Waite Markland, Tom** and **Gertrude Bittle Murray, Olive Holbrook Nagle, Robert Rathbone, Evelyn Wheeler Stagg, Roger Thompson, Mary Lou Race Tonge, Joseph Trask, William Watt**, and **Roland Wolcott**. **Marjorie Kohr Lovell** joined us for Convocation. We are sure everyone felt very proud to be a graduate of Middlebury and we certainly appreciated the graciousness and hospitality of President and Mrs. McCardell. ...At our dinner on Saturday, **Jeanette Olson Gould**'s selection as class secretary was announced. We are going to miss hearing from you on occasion, but hope you will make Jeanette's job enjoyable by supplying her with lots of news. (Send it to her at 632 Red Barn Rd., Box 543, Quechee, VT 05059; e-mail jogvt@aol.com). Jeanette and **Ruthie Coleman Skinner** will carry on together. We wish to thank Ruthie for her 12 years of service to the class. We don't think there are many who can match her! ✷ It is our sad duty to report that Art Jacques '40 died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to **Eleanor Jeschke Jacques**. ✷ Barbara and **Frank Avery** report a move "from one life care community to another to be closer to our eldest son, Fred, in Cherry Hill, NJ. Daughter Barbara Ann is still in Greenwich Village, NYC, and son Dick is moving soon from Seattle, WA, to Montana's wide open spaces. We no longer travel any distance, but have fond thoughts of Middlebury as we knew it years ago. Still in touch with **Fred Wheeler**." You can reach the Averys at Harvest Village #A202, 114 Hayes Mill Road, Atco, NJ 08004. ✷ Rotha and **"Doc" Loring Lane** were planning to attend reunion, but had to cancel because Loring had a double bypass and a valve replacement just before reunion. They sent their best regards to all classmates. ✷ So our five-year stint is over and it has been a great joy to hear news of you all. Good luck to Ruthie and Jeanette!



Midd recruiters in Coral Gables (see 1941 column)

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Class Secretary: *Marjorie Burditt Striker, 211 Sandy Pond Rd., Lincoln, MA 01773.*

It has been a thrill to hear from so many of you. I appreciate your responses. I hope others will be inspired to send news or comments for the next column. ✷ We begin with a photograph that says it all. Pride glows from the face of **Stan Saunders** and joy emanates from that of his granddaughter, Elizabeth J. Saunders '99, who had just graduated from Middlebury magna cum laude this May. Congratulations to you, Stan, and to Elizabeth. ✷ **Bobbie Plumer Alden**, daughter Shari Galligan Johnson '68, and granddaughter Hilary Johnson '02 shared a fun and exciting experience. Representing three generations of Middlebury College tennis players, they were featured as a Middlebury tennis-playing family on Burlington's television Channel 3 last spring. ✷ When **Ed Reichert** went to Midway Island in April on a 10-day Elderhostel service program, he found it "a real eye-opener. The Navy has turned it over to the Fish and Wildlife Bureau and it's now a sanctuary with limited visitation of about 100 people at any one time (other than about 150 maintenance force and professionals doing research). The island is a nesting ground for sea birds—albatross, frigate birds, terns, etc.—and there are no predators. The rats have been exterminated and there are no hawks or other natural predators. The focus of the Elderhostel program is to try to restore the island to its natural habitat, somewhat changed by the invasion of underwater cable people (pre-1900), Pan American Airways (1930s), and the U.S. military (1940-1997)." ✷ **Betty Carpenter Metcalf** enjoyed her professional career teaching in public schools, mainly kindergarten. "Since retiring I have enjoyed years of doing artwork and decorating our rooms with pieces called cross stitch." Betty's old home in Montpelier was featured in an article in the spring issue of this magazine. ✷ "More than 50 years ago," writes **Almy Coggeshall** (a former Chemical Engineer with GE), "a group of General Electric engineers pooled their resources and bought a 273-acre farm, which they developed on capital they raised themselves to create a self-contained community of 84 homes. Two hundred acres of the

original farm are still in unspoiled open space, forests, field and a pond." ✷ **Salome 'Bix' Ross Demaree** writes that she is still birding, "mostly out of the country. I really enjoy South America and go there almost every year. I have just finished coauthoring *Birds of Phoenix and Maricopa County, Arizona*." ✷ Bill Markland '41 wrote to inform us of the recent death of **Art Jacques**. As Bill said, "Art made a sizable contribution to campus life." The sympathy of the class is extended to Art's family. ✷ "Unfortunately," writes **Elaine Nickerson Rucho**, of Mount Dora, FL, "being half way down this 800-mile-long peninsula of a state, I feel very far from our college and have long since lost all connection with those I knew there." She says that neither she nor her husband is in good health. We're glad to reconnect with you, Elaine! ✷ **Lois Gillette Thorkilsen** describes trying to keep up land which was once a farm and a 360-year-old house. "It's an unending job. I vowed to get peas in early, but johnny-jump-ups and other plants are taking the space and some underground dwellers are making big mounds of dirt and heaving stones into this year's growth. I'll probably have to settle for zucchini, winter squash, and cucumbers." ✷ **Alice Atwood Spaulding** enjoyed the article on the Carpenter house. As she was writing, she was packing for an Elderhostel trip to England. "I have forgotten how many times I've been to England, but always remember the first, when I was there a month with the National Council of Teachers of English." She plans to be at reunion and hopes to see a lot of the class there. ✷ **Ken Temple** sent the sad news of the death of his wife, Ruth, after 55 years of marriage. He speaks of the return of mountain bluebirds to his Montana property and of mountain chickadees wintering there. Because of plentiful snow last winter, he hopes for a good hay crop. One job that he anticipated was "getting out and filling up the badger holes." ✷ **Sally Nothnagle Tefft** still actively manages the newspaper in Greenwich, NY. "It may be a weekly but it provides a full week of activity, different from a daily in that one doesn't do just one job. One does all phases, including layout of pages for printing, preparing for mailing, paying bills, and starting all over again. I am happy to be busy and able to do it. Starting in 2000, the Tefft family will have produced the paper for 100 years." ✷ **Laura Smith Whitworth** writes that "one grandson has an engineering job in Park City, UT, and skis; the other is pursuing a spot on the Nordic Olympic team. One granddaughter is a member of a modern dance company in NYC, and another works for a bank in London." Laura still has her shop, but has listed it for sale. ✷ **Ken Quackenbush** writes "to verify my existence and to salute the class of 1940. There is little new in my life—except a new knee, which I am expecting to allow me to get back on the tennis courts and ski trails again after two years off. Along the way I've come to realize that it seems to be less of a problem to acquire new body parts than it is to replace old sail boat parts. Well, at least we're afloat. Up anchor!" ✷ A letter from **Jean Sweeny Hancock** resembles a lecture by Prof. Heinrichs, as she runs down the list of national and world affairs, adding cogent comments. She and her daughter recently made the college tour for her granddaughter. ✷ **Charlie Straight** wrote of the death of his wife, Pauline. They had been married for 57 years. The class sends its sympathy. ✷ **Arthur Andres** describes his years as a fighter pilot early in World War II and as an instructor of West Point cadets in the latter years. He has held various positions with General Electric Co. Nowadays he divides his time between Cape Cod and Naples, FL. ✷ Up in ME, **Loring Pratt** is still writing and published two articles last year. "Most of my time, in good weather, is spent gardening. We raise more than we can eat, but always find someone who needs or wants the produce. We had a lot of things to do with grandchildren and great-grandchildren. It is a real source of satisfaction for me to have had the privilege of practicing medicine." ✷ **Stan Moore** offers us a challenge: "Since March I have resumed walking on the Appalachian Trail, having complete 192.3 miles so far this year. I've finished 1,827.9 miles, leaving 332.3 miles to go. With a little bit of luck, I'm hoping to have hiked the entire 2,160.2 miles by the fall. I've been hoping some of our classmates might join me, but so far, no takers." ✷ I'd like to end the column by recommending some of the books written by faculty members of Middlebury's English department. I have thoroughly enjoyed John Elder's *Reading the Mountains of Home*, Julia Alvarez's ('71) three novels and a nonfiction called *Something to Declare*, Robert Pack's poetry, and Jay Parini's *The Patch Boys*, as well as his reviews in the newspapers.

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Class Secretary: *S.J. House, 51 McKinstry Hill Rd., Hyde Park, VT 05655; and Ruth Packard Jones (Mrs. Charles), RR 1, Box 86A, Walton, NY 13856.*

An alumni/recruiting reunion in Coral Gables, FL, brought together Carlos Lopez-Gottardi '94, Claudine Coto '95, **Alice Noppel Knight**, Richard Rivas '93, Michael Cohen '94, and Tina Lopez-Gottardi '95. (See photo.) ✷ Becky (**Mildred Becker Elefante**) and husband Michael invite friends to visit them in their new home. They decided three years ago to leave FL, where they had enjoyed living for 12 years. "Motivated by concerns for future health care and by a wish to live closer to family, we spent a month visiting continuing care communities near our children in PA, MA, and DC. In our search we were guided by a booklet published by the Continuing Care Accreditation Commission. Our choice of Collington Life Care Community, located a mile off the Beltway in MD, has been a happy one. We live in a cottage on a wooded campus with 400 residents who have given us a sense of community. Relieved of house maintenance and yard work, we are free to take part in a variety of intellectual and physical activities, both here and in Washington. Most of all we are enjoying the people." ✷ A report from North Myrtle Beach, SC, tells of an April Hillside mini-reunion hosted by Laddie (**Edith Ladd Evans**). I can imagine what a great time was enjoyed by Miggles (**Margaret Whittlesey**), **Shirley Metcalfe Handforth**, **Alice Noppel Knight**, and **Hope Smith Marshburn**. Miggles's activities have been somewhat hampered by an eye problem, but she keeps active and is enjoying her new home in South Hero, VT. She only wishes she might have brought her beautifully cultivated garden from North Hero. It can be really tough starting a new one from scratch, but she's doing it. ✷ In mid-June, **Jean Emmons** reported she was recuperating nicely from her May 4 double knee replacement surgery. She was pleasantly surprised to find her "porch garden" well started by good friends when she returned from rehab. ✷ After a difficult year healthwise, Buttsie (**Caroline Butts Dodge**) was looking forward to a family reunion-celebration of her big 80 birthday July 22 at her brother's summer camp in ME. We hope it

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PROFILE

THE CHURCH THAT ROLFE HELPED BUILD

WHILE A STUDENT, Bert Rolfe '44 was helping out a nearby farmer by doing some haying, when one day he came across an unused church. The Union Church of New Haven Mills, VT, had stood empty and in disrepair for decades, but Rolfe devoted himself to restoring and reinvigorating it. He brought college friends along to help and later became a lay minister.

As an American literature major, Rolfe spent his time on campus considering the works of Whitman, Thoreau, and Emerson. These complemented his own convictions and ideals which, during the height of World War II, led him to declare himself a conscientious objector.

Near the end of World War II, Rolfe joined the army. We cannot know what changed his mind and compelled him to enlist. The war was all around him: a naval officer training program was thriving on campus, his younger brother Hugh had enlisted, and his brothers at Sigma Alpha were signing up. Bert was a doer: perhaps he couldn't stay on the sidelines anymore.

Before he was shipped out, Rolfe promised his congregation: "Someday I will fill this church." Within weeks he had. Shot by a sniper, Rolfe was remembered at a memorial service held where he had often preached. Records show that it was filled to the rafters. It isn't often that a college student leaves such a lasting legacy. But Rolfe was a young man with solid convictions. He had a clear sense of personal mission and the dedication to complete it.

Local families follow in Rolfe's footsteps today as stewards of the church. Weddings, concerts, and summer services are taking place once again. Like Rolfe, these stewards treasure this church and work toward his same goals. They remember him by displaying his story and his photograph prominently in the foyer.

—Kerry K. Skiffington

was a delightful occasion, Buttsie, and brought back many happy memories of past good times there. ✷ **Sara Martenis Townsend** reports from Meriden, NH, that she and Ira '42 travel here and there, but not far. She keeps in touch with **Bobby Mower Brown**, who has been in a Virginia nursing home since suffering a couple of strokes. Her son is nearby and a granddaughter, Star, whom she especially enjoys. ✷ **Babs Warren Loftus** is still finding it difficult to adjust to Lofty's death and to her new living situation. Her son and daughter visit her quite often, which helps. ✷ **Howard Hasbrouck** sounded great from his home in FL, where he keeps active playing lots of golf. He traveled to MI to spend the summer. ✷ **Jim Cassedy** is in the process of finishing up another book. He reports that brother **Bill Cassedy** attended a grandson's commencement as well as a granddaughter's high school graduation. He keeps busy attending plays and concerts. ✷ On April 1, **Peg Williams Rhodes** moved to a nursing home in Taunton, MA, where her family can visit daily and takes her out frequently. She would enjoy cards or notes sent to her home address. ✷ **Babs Grow Grim** injuring herself in a fall on March 23, resulting in lengthy hospitalization and rehab. Learning to use her left arm with a replacement ball in her left shoulder was taking a lot of patience. She hoped to be home by the end of June. Good luck, B! ✷ Jack and Westie (**Helen West Burbank**) attended a granddaughter's high school graduation in State College, PA, in June. On their way home, they paid a brief overnight visit to Packy (**Ruth Packard Jones**), who had just returned from her granddaughter's graduation in York, PA. The time was short, but enough for some good catching up. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Marjorie Smith Storer** on April 29 and send the condolences of the class to her husband, James, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Mr. and Mrs. John F. Bates (Nancy Rindfusz), 621 Laurel Lake Dr., #B119, Columbus, NC 28722.*

The personal cards we sent out really brought responses! ✷ **Jane Giblin Langey**'s card was returned, as they have a new CT address. ✷ **Alice Austin Suydam** is seeing the world. After some traveling in Portugal, she was sailing from Lisbon to San Salvador, Brazil, stopping at islands in the South Atlantic. New Year's Eve 1999, she'll be in Greenwich, England. ✷ Now at home in Acton, MA, **Ray Squire** retired last year and took up community work and the church board of trustees. He drove a four-year-old to a child-development center four days a week and saw a new side of the world. He and his wife have done their share of traveling, including the Tattoo in Halifax, which he says is the greatest military pageant they've ever seen. (We agree!) Ray is still drumming in a musical group. ✷ **Dave Emmons** is sort of retired. He calls on patients at Cape Cod Hospital in the surgical day care unit as a member of the clergy staff, assisting in services and overseeing the prayer ministry. The Community of Jesus involves worship, music with a Gregorian choir, drama, and art. Last January he went to the Marshall Islands to visit a young man from Micronesia who lived with them as a boy. ✷ **Virgie Witte Miller** has moved to another address in Tucson: 11606 N. Teskow Dr., Tucson, AZ 85737. ✷ **Elinor Dickie Rankin** is active in Chatham Church Women and is on the Chatham board of assistance. She had a nice visit with Dotty Forsythe Dale '43 and her husband. She had just returned from a two-week visit with her farmer sister in SD, where she went to Rushmore, Bear Country, Crazy Horse, the Badlands—and, of course, Wall Drug. She expected to see **Margi Fell Council** and **Joan Calley Cooper** in CA this fall. ✷ **Hope Rood Redway** and **Dotty Milligan Schuck** went traveling together again to Prague and Budapest, then up the Danube into Austria and southern Germany. They both loved Prague. Dotty stayed with Hope in England for a few days and visited Arundel Castle, took in a play, and lunched at a pub. ✷ **Nina Camuti Danielsen** had lunch with **Elma Boyer**'s cousin and her niece, as she does yearly. Nina does her museum stuff two days a week and works in the hospital. She takes small trips and has one of her daughters at home. ✷ **Bob Bredenberg** tripped through northern New England, with a two-hour sail out of Camden and a round of golf in NH. They were in Green Valley, AZ, last winter and plan on a return engagement this winter. **Bill** and **Meg Buscher Andrews** have a lovely home there, where we visited last February. ✷ **Lewis Alexander** said that he "leads a quiet life," but—as an expert consultant on international maritime boundary cases—he traveled to the Persian Gulf area seven times last year, working on the Bahrain-Qatar maritime boundary dispute, which is before the World Court in the Hague. More recently he has been advising the provincial government of Nova Scotia in a maritime boundary controversy with Newfoundland. Lew and his wife of 48 years have four grandchildren in the State of WA; the oldest boy is interested in Middlebury. ✷ **Jack McMann** still lives in Potsdam, where he has season tickets to the Clarkson hockey games. (He remembers how cold it was playing on the outdoor rink at Midd.) He has a grandson who is a senior at Clarkson, a daughter who lives in Lake Placid, and a daughter who is an assoc. prof. of counseling

at Onondaga Community College in Syracuse. The latter gave the main address at the honors convocation. ✷ **Jim Ferren** and wife June are healthy. He's writing short stories and poetry. Jim and **Art Rasmussen** stay in touch and solve the world's problems. ✷ We were sorry to hear that **Alice Voorhees Adams** lost her eldest daughter and has had health problems and hospital visits. She now lives in a retirement community with some old friends and some new ones. "Nina Danielsen has been especially kind and helpful," she reports. Alice made the trip out to Chicago for her grandson's wedding. Go, Girl! ✷ Now retired from 26 years of teaching in the NY State schools, **Dean Northrop** winters in St. Petersburg (FL) and summers in Proctor (VT). Another active retiree, his main hobby is gardening, but he's also in church choirs, runs a church fund-raiser, does volunteer hospital work, and enjoys Elderhostel trips. ✷ **Jean Macdonald Bagley** (alias Sandy) has been a no-show for years—and after reading her letter, I can see why! Plays bridge and tennis regularly, walks a big dog, runs a house with a live-in daughter who plays a bagpipe, and has a myriad of relatives close by. With three sons, she has six grandchildren and two greats. ✷ **Helen Hooley Young** was in hospital for some surgery and was expected home in late July. Her married son, David, has two children. ✷ **Bill Hennefrund** is doing photography and writing articles about area artists. We were sorry to hear of the death of his sister. Bill's wife, author Tommy Ring Hennefrund '44, has a new book this year, *Monarch Butterfly of Aster Way*. (She publishes under the name of Elizabeth Ring.) ✷ Every summer, **Phil** and **Betty Blanchard Robinson** go to ME, where they see Jim Cornwall '40 and wife Margery. Phil and Betty went up to Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, to greet the ship on which their son had sailed around the world. ✷ **Charlie Kitchell** had pneumonia last January and a new valve and bypass in May. **Dodie Watson Kitchell** hasn't been well and can't drive, so her sister and her friends had been taking her to the hospital to visit Charlie. Hang in there, you two! ✷ We regret to report the June 11 death of **Fred Whitehouse**. Since he had been so ill, **Nancy (Hall Whitehouse)** can't wish him back, but it still isn't easy. She works several times a year at Nielsen Media Research and planned a September trip to New England with **Ginny Smith Baker**. ✷ It is also our sad duty to report the deaths of **Lucille Plasman Grosse** (February 1) and **Ruth Montgomery Titsworth**. ✷ **Beatrice Simpler Braun**—a family-practice doctor, psychiatrist, former nun, and activist for AARP—has been appointed to the national Medicare Payment Advisory Committee, a 17-member board that advises Congress on Medicare issues. Bea was with us for two years at Midd, before she became a Maryknoll missionary. As Sister Agnes Therese, she worked at a medical clinic in South Korea during the Korean War. In 1969, she met a Jesuit named Dick Braun. They fell in love, she left the convent, he left the priesthood, and they were married in 1970. Her husband was a founder of the Human Resources Group. Shortly after their retirement to FL in 1989, Bea responded to a newspaper article about AARP's need for volunteers to help older people understand Medicare and supplemental medical insurance. She expanded the program statewide and was asked to serve on AARP's national legislative council. Since then she has been at the forefront of public policy issues and has testified many times before Congressional committees. ✷ In our next column, you can look forward to news from **Mary Eimer Leinbach, Sue Hulings Ottinger, Roger Arnold, David Smith**, and **Peter Stanlis**. Thanks to all who wrote. We hope to hear from the rest of you. Remember to put us on your Christmas card list!

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Class Secretaries: *Chick Johnson Doe, 327 Ayer Rd., Harvard, MA 01451; and Dr. John S. Gale, 24 Beach Rd., Gloucester, MA 01930.*

Down memory lane, note the photo of Hepburn Hall waitresses, taken in 1943. In some cases we had to guess, but we think they are (front) **Lonny Herron Hadley, Chick Johnson Doe, Dottie Forsythe Dale**, (back) **Skip Wilkin Dimond, Margaret Dounce Dale, Mandy Sanborne Krieble**, a mystery person (please let us know if you recognize her), **Teddy Hood Bittmann**, and **Inki Monk Stevenson**. Our thanks to Lonny Hadley for sharing the photo. Lonny remembers "our days of waiting table at Hepburn" as being "as important to my education as classes and campus. A fine and fun group I'd like to remember." Lonny and husband **Al** are in the process of selling their Maine house, after which they plan to go south. ✷ Fielding and **Ellie Reier Brown** are now dividing their time between their Beacon Street apartment in Boston and a retirement community in Westwood, MA. Their Westwood address is 10 Longwood Dr., #375, Fox Hill Village, Westwood, MA 02090; 781-326-9583. ✷ As reported in the last column, Jim and **Mandy Sanborne Krieble** have also moved to a retirement community (in Hanover, NH), while keeping their summer place on Lake Willoughby. They had lived for more than 40 years in Shaker Heights, OH. ✷ **Helen Bouck Hildebrandt** (Bookie) has moved to an apartment in Slingerlands, NY. ✷ Cutler and **Kay Sempepos Silliman** tell us that their son and his family have moved from Buenos Aires to Maine. We who live in New England hope to see more of Kay and Cutler in the future. ✷ **Stan Tupper** reports that this is his 50th year as an attorney, "now practicing in the family law firm, which is 110 years old. My wife, Jill, and I concentrate on family and probate law: she takes care of the live ones and I, the dead." ✷ After I (Chick) sent out a copy of the Requiem to **Skip Wilkin Dimond**, she wrote to acknowledge it and recalled our Midd choir days, with "Mr. Bedford making us practice the processional so many times, so many years ago!" Skip reports that **Bob Rude** "has become a good Long Wharf Theatre volunteer" in Guilford, CT. ✷ **Loie Groben Gilmore** and I (Chick) have been planning a September trip to Iceland. We are assured by **Jan Hooker Laine**, who traveled there a year ago, that we will have a most enjoyable holiday. My pacemaker is a year old and doing what it should! Apple blossoms were exceptionally full and beautiful this year. If the birds and our imported bees have "done their thing," we should have a fine crop. ✷ Barbara and **Roger Easton** stopped in on June 30 on their way home from the Fellows Award Banquet of the Institute of Navigation, where Roger received an award "for his visionary insight into the central role of precision timekeeping in a satellite based navigation system and for technical leadership in the development of the 'Timation' satellites that embodied advanced clock technology for space applications." Roger was also being honored by Middlebury at Homecoming this fall. ✷ Do send news! We all want to keep in touch and know what you are doing!

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Class Secretaries: *Dr. and Mrs. Neil Atkins (Marylu Graham), 12 Carter Rd., New London, NH 03257.*

Our 55th Reunion has come and gone and a great one it was, with 40 percent of the class returning and 78 percent participating in our class gift. Gorgeous weather helped to make it enjoyable, too—especially the class dinner at Kirk Alumni Center. Our thanks to **Ricki Wheaton Evans** and **Paul Davis** for conducting the memorial ceremony and to **Ted Kolzak** and **Mal Collin** for carrying our banner up the hill to Convocation. ✷ Sally and **Al Rathbun** left for a trip to Wales immediately after the reunion; Bill and **Betty Mercer McChrystal** left for a visit with their daughter in Switzerland. ✷ The fact that Barbara and **Hugh Taft**, true Vermonters, are moving to Kendal at Hanover in NH is startling news! ✷ Don and **Helen Beardslee Johnstone** were celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in August. ✷ **Paul Davis** and Janet Townsend Roberts '45 enjoyed a trip to Mexico to visit friends in February and later attended an Elderhostel in Tennessee. ✷ **Peter Jennison**, our superb master of ceremonies at the class dinner, was awarded the Vermont Arts Council Cerf Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Arts at the Council's annual meeting on June 16 in Montpelier. ✷ **Nancy Read**—who sent Jason Price '99 (a very helpful reunion student host) searching for her car in the parking lot without giving him the license number—was going to Montana and Glacier National Park during the summer. ✷ **Jane Landes** was off on her annual visit with relatives in Iowa soon after reunion weekend. ✷ For the past seven years, **Elihu Wing** has been working in the Dominican Republic, bringing medical aid to Haitian workers in the cane factories. This is an ecumenical mission project carried on in many states, sending 20 groups each year. Spending two to three weeks each year there, they serve 100 people a day, attending to basic health needs of the workers. During these visits, Elihu has done some medical studies on the physical conditions of these people. ✷ At the class dinner, greetings to the class were read from **Dorothy Burton Skardal**, who had faxed us from her home in Oslo, Norway. We repeat part of her message here: "Do you remember the joke when we were young, about how everybody sent postcards from home when on vacation with the same message: 'Having a wonderful time—wish you were here!' Addressing you tonight I'd have to turn that message on its head: 'You're surely having a wonderful time—wish I were there!' Our 55th Reunion couldn't be better than our 50th, but I hope it's as good. I did so want to come, but my

A fine group of Hepburn Hall waitresses in 1943 (see 1943 column)

heart troubles forbid any more long-distance flying. With the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean between us, I can be with you tonight in spirit only—and with these words. I send them to remind you of something you may have forgotten or never fully realized: how lucky we are not only to have graduated from Middlebury, but also to have had the chance to get a liberal arts education at all. The four-year liberal arts college as it has developed in the United States is unique in the world. No other educational institution offers the full range of academic disciplines and requires its students to sample so widely among them before specializing; no other educational institution offers at the same time participation in sports, the arts, a wide range of cultural and social activities, and residential community experience, often including individual contact with professors. Four years to explore, to form lifelong friendships, and to mature. How privileged we were! So I don't have to be there with you tonight; I have my Middlebury experience here in Norway with me, and I'll be there celebrating with you that we were so lucky." ✷ Finally, **Neil and Marylu Graham Atkins** were persuaded to continue as class secretaries and **Pat Noe Bursaw** and **Hugh Taft** as class agents until our 60th Reunion. Translation: Send your news items for '44 class notes to Marylu and Neil, and send money for annual giving to Pat and Hugh!

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Class Secretaries: *Mrs. Donald A. Stearns (Shirley Miller), 166-25 Powells Cove Blvd, Beechurst, NY 11357; and Mr. Peter Q. McKee, 26 Turtleback Road, P.O. Box 197, Sunapee, NH 03782.*

It was lunch at Sardis on April 29 for **Ruth Collins Shikes, Ann Robinson Walker, Alice Frederickson Porter**, and **Mary Elizabeth Wisotskey McClellan**. They are "beginning to plan to go to our 55th in 2000!" ✷ Another "great reunion" was reported by Dru (**Barbara Drury Sand**) and her sophomore roommate at Hillcrest Cottage, Tippie (**Mary Tipping Coughlin**), and daughter Sue. They lunched—for the first time in three years—on May 11 at the Purple Cat restaurant in Chepachet, RI. It seems that Dru's island town of Jamestown, RI, was selected by movie directors who combed RI for the best example of Main Street, USA, with an ocean view for their upcoming movie *Me, Myself, and Irene*, starring Jim Carrey (*The Truman Show*) and Renée Zellweger (*One True Thing*). The footbridge in Middlebury's Frog Hollow was transformed for another scene in *Me, Myself, and Irene*. ✷ **Elaine King Dandh** (e.k.dandh@usa.net) writes from Guadalajara: "My first book, *A House Far South, in Mexico*, is at the printers and should be coming out any day now, making me Guinness-eligible as perhaps the eldest first-time-published writer in the world. My second, *Memsahib*, is on the Web, at www.geocities.com/soho/workshop/1865. It deals comically with the culture shock of an American woman who goes to India as a bride. The book is lying in wait for an unwary publisher to stumble upon it." ✷ Nikky (**Jean Lacey Patterson**) reports: "I swim like a fiend at the local Hilton; keeps me out of a wheelchair. I'm quite active as historian for Pearl River's (NY) United Methodist Church, but my real love is the ad hoc committee investigating swimming pools for the Town of Orangetown. From successfully getting the question on the ballot in November 1997, achieving a YES vote in that election, to working with a consultant on swimming pools, I've been active and interested in the whole process. Hope I'll still be around to yell 'Last one in is a rotten egg" as I take my first dive into the pool. My husband, Ernest (80), is still working as a consultant for Wyeth-Ayerst (biochemist) and our three children are happily engaged in their own pursuits." ✷ With profound sadness, we must tell you of the death of **Ruth Taylor Wilcoxson** on July 20, 1999. "Taylor," as she was known to us since freshman days in the "Siberia" of Pearsons fourth floor, was a dear and loyal friend, traveling from Chicago to Vermont every year for "Grupo" at the Rick and **Betty Hatcher Hruby**'s place. A newspaper writer early in her career, she never ceased to be a realist in calling the shots and dealt with the knowledge of having a brain tumor with forthright courage and concern for her family. Heartfelt condolences to her daughter, Lesley Kuzmanoff, and son Keith and their families, and family and "grupo" friend, John Bergesen.

PUZZLE

TIME WHEN

by Jackie Moore '47

WHAT TIME IS/WAS IT WHEN:

1. "Pippa Passes"? (Robert Browning poem)
2. The mouse ran down the clock? (nursery rhyme)
3. The "Danse Macabre" begins? (Saint-Saens composition)
4. The ten o'clock scholar finally arrives at school?
5. World War I Armistice began in 1918?
6. A variety of garden flower blooms?
7. Peter denied being drunk on the day of Pentecost? (Acts of the Apostles)
8. The shadow of a beard might appear?
9. You should "get to bed by _____" according to the song "You Belong to Me."
10. "Dinner at _____"? (1933 movie starring Jean Harlowe, J. and L. Barrymore)
11. "The Feud" between the Gingham Dog and the Calico Cat began? (Eugene Fielding poem)
12. The Chinaman goes to the dentist? (old riddle)
13. Wee WillieWinkie says children should be in bed? (nursery rhyme)
14. You should be ready for the "The Darktown Strutters' Ball"? (song)

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You have all heard by now of the death of Dr. Freeman on July 10. He was acting president of the College for much of the time that our class was at Middlebury and we all had great respect and affection for that wonderful man. ✷ Larry and **Jean Smith Murphy** have moved from their country place of 20 acres in Waldoboro to a new retirement community in Rockland, ME, set in a lovely wooded area—"where birding is excellent." Jimmie writes: "Still canoeing, but flat water only! Daughter and her family live 30 minutes away. We miss the old place, but think this is a wise move." ✷ **Barbara Tousley Hyde** reports that she and Phil divide their year between Vero Beach, FL, and Saranac Lake, NY. This is a perfect arrangement for them, as their three children are distributed in both locations, with one grandchild in FL and one in the Adirondacks. ✷ John and **Marcey Lynn Krum** celebrated their 50th anniversary a year ago June in Carmel, CA, where doctor daughter Debby lives. Debby's oldest daughter now attends Harvard. This July, Marcey entertained her French grandchildren—Natalie (14) and Laura (9)—who flew in from Paris. These are the daughters of Katie, who met her husband in northern Thailand, where they communicated (courted?) via their second language—Japanese! The Krums later enjoyed the company of their three Swiss grandsons (14, 13, and 9), who were visiting for several days with their parents. (Next, says Marcey, she'll go to a rest home!) Marcey underwent a lumpectomy a year ago and, after seven weeks of daily radiation, was back in the swing of things, including tennis and paddle. She also participated in the Race for the Cure, an inspiring and emotional experience. This is another personal account which underscores the importance of our annual ordeal, the mammogram. Thank you, Marcey! ✷ **Ann Curry Munier** and husband Emile are enjoying retirement time with lakeshore activities at Governor's Island on Lake Winnepesaukee in NH. They still have a ski retreat at Stratton Mountain in VT. In

June, they entertained Lakes Region neighbors Bill and **Hazel Godfrey Murphy** and Pete '44 and **Barbara Busing Harris**, in celebration of all three couples' anniversaries. The Murphys are keeping alive a good New England tradition of placing only home-grown food on the table. "We grow peas and corn and just about any vegetable you can name!" ✷ David and **Joyce Hitchcock Hardy** enjoy Ellsworth, ME, lakefront activities during the summer and community events at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH, during the winter. Since her husband had an appointment in Hanover, NH, Joyce was to join classmates on August 24 for the two-hour Golden Pond boat tour, which shows tourists where the movie was filmed, site by site, on Squam Lake. The tour guide also explains about the habitat and migratory history of the loons, a virtual symbol of Squam. Leaving from the Squam boat dock, next to Walter's Basin Restaurant in downtown Holderness, the tour boat stops at Church Island where **Mary Elizabeth Nordstrom** was playing the organ on Sundays this summer from June 27 to September 5. She says that many Middlebury people have attended there through the years. This is Mary Elizabeth's 10th season as organist at Church Island (Chocorua Chapel Association, Holderness, NH). The other nine years were in the '60s. She writes: "The congregation used to be 200, but since the movie it has doubled and docking is at a premium, so some boats have to drop anchor farther out. Sermons are by outstanding clergy from all over the U.S., different each Sunday. **Barbara Busing Harris**'s parents used to stay at Rockywold-Deephaven Camps at Squam Lake, from which one takes the 20-passenger launch. The organist takes the first trip at 9:30 A.M.—with the pew sweepers and organ pumper." We look forward to hearing details from Mary Elizabeth's senior year roommate, **Kay Craven**, who was traveling in August and left regrets about missing the Squam Lake mini-gathering. ✷ In April (too late for the summer issue), the "Sunset Beach Gang" met again for a week of pure enjoyment: Bill and **Sheila Schmidt Rowland**, Neal and **Cindy Darby Westmoreland**, Doug and **Cam Campbell Shaw**, **Breezie Arey McGeehan**, and **Cas Caswell Jones**. One morning the men, all non-Middlebury, discovered that the people playing tennis on the next court were Bill and Jan Schongar Wagner, both Midd '53. This led to an invitation to drinks that evening and a most enjoyable visit with a delightful couple—and, hopefully, a fourth for men's tennis next year! ✷ Your faithful correspondent Cam encourages everyone to be a little more weatherwise when setting out for a sail. "We capsized on Lake St. Catherine in a summer storm that came up really suddenly, and over we went in our small catboat! Wind, rain, thunder, and lightning! In retrospect, 'twas very exciting! We feel very fortunate to have survived that storm." ✷ **Mary (Cas) Caswell Jones** returned to VT in June to attend her youngest granddaughter's graduation from high school in Burlington. We (Cas and Cam) met in Middlebury and visited the Center for the Arts and the new athletic building. While looking over the spacious new field house, Cas discovered her mother's 1912 basketball team picture on the wall! Cas took a trip to Alaska this summer. ✷ **Barbara Busing Harris** wrote of attending Pete's 55th Reunion with class headquarters in Gifford: "It was wonderful! The dorm has been renovated and has an elevator and nice, individual bathrooms generously scattered about. Of course it is near Proctor and the bookstore, where 55 percent discounts were available on Middlebury items! It is also next to Mead Chapel, where Mr. Fanning is still playing the organ and conducting the alumni choir. A special plus for the Harrises was the fact that daughter Anne Harris Onion '69 was also there for her 30th Reunion, son Peter '74 for his 25th, and granddaughter Megan '00 was a student guide for the 40th Reunion in Gifford. Megan loved meeting the alums and hearing their stories. The student guides wore neat Middlebury T-shirts with a large picture on the back inscribed with the words "Ask Me Anything." As part of the Old Guard, we were entertained at the president's house after convocation. There were four members of the Class of '29 attending their 70th Reunion. We may not all make that, but be sure to set your sights on 2001 for our 55th!"

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Elizabeth Galloway Masterson, whom we called "Whirlaway" back at Midd, has been appointed an interim trustee of the Calvin Coolidge Memorial Foundation. Betty has been head of volunteers for projects at the Coolidge Foundation since 1993. She is also coordinator of volunteers for special events at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Woodstock. She still does volunteer taping for the Vermont Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Betty and husband Jim retired to VT in 1990. ✷ **Phyllis Hackley Foote** is happy to announce the birth of her first granddaughter, Sarah Kaitlin, on March 2, 1998, to daughter Judith Mulligan of Portland, ME. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Janet Kraft West** on May 1 and send the condolences of the class to her family. We're glad she was with us for our 50th Reunion. ✷ Gordie '49 and **Alice Neef Perine** were chosen honorary chairs of the seventh annual Vermont Symphony Orchestra's pops concert this summer. One of the most highly anticipated events in Middlebury, the pops concert is held in Alumni Stadium, where picnicker/concert goers are treated to glorious music as night falls over the Green Mountains, culminating in the stirring "1812 Overture" with fireworks lighting up the night sky. Gordie and Alice have been more active than ever in Middlebury since his retirement in 1994 and her retirement in 1988. They cochaired the 1998 Addison County United Way Campaign and served for two years as cochairs of the "People for Porter" campaign leading to the expansion of the hospital and nursing home. Alice has also been a trustee of the Sheldon Museum and Shard Villa, while Gordie has served on the board of Home Heath and chaired its capital campaign. ✷ Still in Holland, MI, Milt '45 and **Laura-Lee Hopkins Pike** have a slight address change: 145 Columbia Ave., #757. ✷ **Pat Harvey Oehler** recently "completed training as a docent at the Sacramento Zoo, a small zoo set in a park in the middle of Sacramento. Love it!" ✷ A summer gathering in Randolph, VT, was attended by many who live or visit in the area, with **Lynn Bruhn** graciously inviting several to stay at her home when the travel distance precluded a one-day trip. Lynn reports taking joy in her puppy and seeing some progress in its training. Those of us who were teachers would advise: "Be firm, Lynn! Firm and consistent!" ✷ Herb and **Barbara Bates Lauterwasser** (Bobbie) had a memorable 2 1/2-week tour in Europe last spring: Swiss Alps, mountains of Austria, Munich, Salzburg, Vienna, Lucerne,

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What can compare to being together 50 years later? (see 1949 column)

and Frankfurt. They especially enjoyed meetings with Herb's relatives, even though Bobbie found her lack of fluency in German meant she smiled a lot but understood little! Bobbie also reported the birth of another granddaughter, Hannah Rose, on April 15. Congratulations! ✷ Bill and **Jeannette Atkins Louth** were up on the Cape in the summer, at their cottage in West Harwich. ✷ An impromptu article on the wildflowers and wildlife of her own yard by **Virginia Stowell James** was chosen for printing in the quarterly *Native Plants*, published by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, of which Virginia is a member. Her design was selected for various uses during the celebration of her church's 250th anniversary. For some church events, she has donned old-style clothing: "It felt funny to arrive dressed in a long, old-fashioned dress, black shoes and stockings, kid gloves, and a large black hat. A bit like becoming one's own grandmother." She also chairs two educational honorary societies, but took a break to enjoy the cottage in Maine during midsummer. ✷ **Betsy Hornaday Fry** has again raised the question of a class listing of our e-mail addresses to make for easy and rapid communication. Isn't there someone who would volunteer to gather as many of these as can be obtained for the start of such a list? Give your name to Betsy or to one of your class secretaries listed at the top of this column. ✷ We regret to report the May 1 death of **Janet Kraft West**. Condolences go to her family and friends. ✷ Be sure to send class news to Jinny or Phil so that we can keep aware of the important events and activities in one another's lives.

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Class Secretaries: *Daniel R. and Joan Tyler Gilbert, (medrg01@moravian.edu), 3660 Walt Whitman Ln., Bethlehem, PA 18017.*

Kudos to **Patricia Prendergast Turner**, who won the 1998 Service to Mankind award from the Monument Hill Sertoma Club in CO. The award recognized Pat for her service to thousands of citizens of the Tri-Lakes and El Paso County areas. In 1990, Pat volunteered to help in the juvenile division in the district attorney's office. Working more than 25 hours a week as a case manager, she was able to divert many young individuals away from the courts and a possible criminal record to more productive and worthwhile lives. Since 1992 she has been working in an innovative program called Kids Against Crime. To help children understand the seriousness of crime, Pat works with fifth graders, using real-life illustrations, video tapes, and workbooks to show the consequences resulting from violating the law. She conducts two-hour workshops two or three times a week in various schools. Pat also serves on many committees in St. Matthias Episcopal Church and gives of her time to the Book Buddies program. ✷ **Tom Johnson** writes that he would like to see "an article on the College orchestra and Mr. Bennet." He reports that "the concerts give much pleasure to us old grads living locally, as well as the entire community." ✷ **Dan Gilbert** reports: "A summer highlight for the Gilbert family was the June 26 wedding of youngest son Chris to Julie Moberg. The wedding took place at Christ Chapel on the campus of Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN, where Chris is an assoc. prof. of political science. The three other Gilbert sons—Dan Jr., Mike, and Karl—as well as granddaughter Victoria and grandson John, joined in the festivities. Gustavus Adolphus was hit hard by a tornado over a year ago but has made a remarkable recovery with the generous assistance of its alumni. God bless those alums!"

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Class Secretaries: *Patricia Allen Guthrie, P.O. Box 1804, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; and Bob M. Gore, Jr., 60 Keenan Dr., Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Dave Thompson and I (Pat) want to thank everyone—and there are many—who helped make our 50th Reunion gathering so wonderful. It all began with registration at Forest Hall, where **Jane Alice Miller Brouwers** was chair of the greeters. It was there we all received our Middlebury blue shirts to wear in the Reunion Parade and our class gifts—including four Middlebury glasses and a double pack of Middlebury playing cards with Old Chapel on them. **Alice "Hotch" Hardie** had arranged a wonderful memorabilia display in one of the beautifully redecorated Forest Hall lounges. **Bob Seixas** brought pictures from his Air Force experiences; **Dave Thompson** brought lots of photos and other Midd items; **Barbara Earling Lindeberg** brought some of her paintings; **Willie Williams Wood** brought a book written by **Pat Thwaits Garcia**'s husband, Max; Willie's husband, George, brought wood carvings; **Barbie Knapp Bull** brought books on her family genealogy; **Gene Edgar Irons** brought quilts she had made, and there were several memory albums with lots of pictures of our years at Middlebury. ✷ Thursday evening we had a delicious informal dinner under a tent behind Forest Hall. After breakfast Friday morning, we all gathered near Old Chapel, where our class tree was planted. We held a memorial service, planned by **Lee Adkins**, in remembrance of the 72 deceased members of our class. From there the class traveled to Kirk Alumni Center for a class meeting with President McCardell, who presented each of us with a Middlebury pin and a Gamaliel Painter cane. It was a very touching thing to me. One interesting comment by John McCardell: "As I was contemplating the presentation of these canes, something rang a familiar note. The year you graduated—1949—was the year I was born." Needless to say, we all just roared with laughter. Lunch followed at Meeker House (former Sig Ep house), before afternoon activities. **Gordie Perine** organized golf. **Barbara Buzz Myers White** and **Peter Fagg** organized tennis. **Rachel Stryker Smith** and **Bob Gore** organized a hike. Lots of athletic participants, which speaks well for our physical prowess! Friday night we were all guests of President and Mrs. McCardell at their home. After cocktails on the deck we all adjourned for a buffet dinner in the tent on the lawn behind the house. Over the entire weekend, I can't say enough about how friendly and warm John McCardell was. We should all be thankful that Middlebury College is so fortunate to have a president of his caliber! ✷ On Saturday was the Reunion Parade, and we were the honored class, last to enter Mead chapel. Quite a thrilling moment. I'm proud of you all. We won the McCullough Cup, given to the class with-the highest percentage of alumni returning for reunion, and the Armand N. LaFlamme '37 Cup, for the highest participation in reunion giving, with 90 percent of our class members contributing. Our thanks to **Liz Van Splinter Thomson** and **Charlie Puksta** for a great job on the fund-raising. Thank you! Also we all can be very proud of **Rachel Adkins Platt**, who received an Alumni Plaque Award for her outstanding service to the College. Yay, Rachel! ✷ Saturday evening was our banquet, with **Kyle Prescott** heading the committee. Kyle did a super job and it was a wonderful night. Master of Ceremonies **Bob Seixas** brought along two of his musician friends, so we had wonderful music. Bob brought a large song sheet of Middlebury songs and other songs that were popular when we were in school and we had a fun singalong. Dave and I were among the last people to leave at about midnight. Sunday was the finale. After chapel, a 50th farewell brunch was held behind Forest Hall under our tent. To all who came, I hope you had as good a time as David and I did. For those who were unable to be there, we missed you. As **Spencer Wright** put it: "Makes one feel younger, seeing all those familiar faces!" And last, but not least, **Bob Gore** has agreed to serve as co-class secretary for the men of the class. Thank you, Bob!

Making plans for the 50th Reunion (see 1950)

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We're getting in gear for reunion! At a June planning meeting, members of the gift committee and yearbook committee worked hard at Kirk Alumni Center. All contributed to planning social events, working on our yearbook, and strategizing for fund-raising for our big 50th. Spouses Sondra Kay, Bob Kingsland, Tom Moser, Tod Packer, and Dick Young joined us for dinner. Pictured at Fire & Ice were **Irv Meeker**, **Rufus Cushman, Ginny Ringo Cleary, Sid Kay**, Sondra Kay, **Kathy Pell Meeker, Lura Hallett Smith, Anna Sherwood Young, Dave Dale, Carol Carlton Hentz, Ellie Flett Kingsland, Ginny Hardy Moser, Barbara Kraft Packer, Jackie Brooks Davison, John Irons,** and **Fred Neuberger**. We will be staying at Forest Hall—and wait 'til you see Bicentennial Hall! It is enormous! ✷ We need your help in finding lost classmates. **William** and **Diane Brehm**

Mehlbach have been located in CO, living between Denver and Boulder. The Navy sent them there years ago and they fell in love with the state. And **Richard Shenier**, who went on to MIT after two years, has been found in East Williston, NY. ✷ **Frank McNamee**, our reunion social cochair, had to have back surgery. He is going to rehab faithfully and feels fairly well, with a hip replacement and surgery on his spinal discs. He's impatient to get back to tennis, squash, and golf! **John O'Connor** stopped in to see him on his way back to CT from FL. ✷ Social co-chair and class secretary **Barbara Parker** is also recuperating nicely from surgery, with the aid of her daughter. ✷ **Jinny Orrall Albert** has concerns about getting to reunion. Her husband, Dean, has had several strokes and is suffering from Parkinson's, and Jinny has converted her home to care for him herself. Jinny, we hope that you can make arrangements to join us in June. ✷ **Bett Carroll Notter** and husband George have moved from an apartment in the center of DC to suburban MD. She is now practically across the street from her office. ✷ We regret to report the death of **John R. Lane** on March 9. We send condolences to his family, especially his brother, Thomas W. Lane '51. John was a chemistry major from Waterbury, CT, and a member of Alpha Tau Omega. A memorial appeared in the summer issue. ✷ **Chuck Mutti** wrote in response to the call for e-mail addresses. (His is ymutti@aol.com.) Since their marriage in March 1982, Chuck and wife Lonnie have lived in Westchester County (NY), Vero Beach (FL), and Hilton Head (SC); they are now in Saratoga County in upstate NY. They have seen Betty and **Corky Elwell**, when they visited Hilton Head, and Jane and **Al Dragone** at Shirley and Ray Ablondi's ('52) house on Hilton Head. ✷ **Pat Wulp** is involved with the League of Women Voters in MI, as Barb Kraft is in NJ. Now that Pat is retired, she also has time to plan a memorial garden at her church, volunteer at the HIV/AIDS Resource Center, and enjoy AAUW classic books and Great Decisions groups. She and Kraftie both recommend Jack Miles's book, *God, A Biography*. ✷ Finally, congratulations to newlyweds Reg and **Carol Hentz Spooner**. After working for the past year to help cut brush and create trails in an 80-acre area known as Spirit and Nature, Carol and Reg were the first to be married there on August 8, in the Sacred Circle. Spirit and Nature is located near the Robert Frost Trail in Ripton.

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Class Secretaries: *Meg Curry Gregg (Mrs. Donald P.), 21 Mead Rd., Armonk, NY 10504; and James D. Ross, 1019 CiderMill Rd., Cornwall, VT 05753.*

Congratulations to Dr. **Paul Cochrane**, who is the 1999 recipient of the Distinguished Citizen Award of the Boy Scouts of America Nashua Valley Council. A dinner held in his honor on June 1 at $125 a plate benefited thousands of Boy Scouts in 32 communities throughout his Fitchburg, MA, region. The chair of the event summed it up well: "Dr. Cochrane has given 40 years of dedicated service to his area. His vigorous commitment to Burbank Hospital and the community have been expressed not only in terms of his medical practice, but also in his vital role as a member of the newly restructured UMass Memorial/HealthAlliance board of trustees and his involvement on many local boards. He is a very compassionate doctor and certainly deserving of this very prestigious award." Paul started his family practice in Fitchburg in 1958 and he is also the physician of the Fitchburg High School football team. He and wife Judy have three children—son Lee '75, daughter Pam, and daughter Kim Cochrane Cosgrove '83—and six grandchildren. ✷ When the Rev. **Philip Clarke** arrived at Park Avenue United Methodist Church in Manhattan in 1956, there were only about 25 members, the building was in disrepair, and there was no money. When he retired this June, there were 600 members, a building beautifully restored, and a healthy financial statement (including a trust of $9 million to support needy churches in NYC and help the poor). The church has also become very diverse. It's a tribute to Phil's ministry that he served this church for 43 years, when the typical stint for Methodist clergy is five to eight years at a single church. According to a piece in the *Wall Street Journal*, Phil cites two reasons for this longevity: "One, his mobile congregation changed constantly, so it was like getting a new church every five years. And two, 'I learned to keep a low profile around bishops.'" ✷ We have news from **Ildara (Ily) Elmore Klee**, who has been teaching Spanish courses at Fairfield Univ. and Sacred Heart Univ. in CT. She recently moved to a condo in Bridgeport. Ily and Fred Klee '53, who were divorced in 1980, are on amicable terms. Their daughter and her two sons live in Stratford; another son and daughter are in San Antonio. Ily worked for Save the Children for a number of years and also started her own business, Language Services, offering translations, tutoring, and word processing in English, Spanish, or French. Good to hear from you, Ily. ✷ In May, Don and **Meg Curry Gregg** were joint speakers at the annual meeting of the Brattleboro, VT, branch of the American Assoc. of Univ. Women in May. They spoke of their experiences in Saipan, Japan, Burma, Korea, and Washington, DC, while Don served in the CIA, as national security adviser to VP George Bush, and as ambassador to Korea. Now chairing the board of the Korea Society in NYC, Don is active in support of Korean-American business, cultural, and educational projects. During the talk, Meg discussed family life overseas, her work with international women's groups, and her role as embassy hostess. A special treat was the attendance of **Martha Jane O'Brien Fenn** (who helped organize the event), **Anne Drysdale Connington**, and **Helen Reid Gilmore**.

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Sid Hammond (sidney.hammond@valley.net) has moved back to Hartland, VT, where he has owned a farmhouse and 150 acres for more than 40 years. He and wife Clara raised six children there before moving to Hanover, NH, to be nearer his Ready-Mix concrete plant. Sid lost his wife as a result of injuries suffered in an auto accident in 1986. Now retired, he busies himself maintaining the farm and the hiking and skiing trails on his property, which he uses "as the spirit moves me." Sid continues his 45-year hobby of beekeeping, producing 1,100 pounds of honey per summer season to share with family, friends, and neighbors. Sid has been active in local and state politics, serving several years in the Vermont House of Representatives in the early '80s. He also served on the board of the Windsor, VT, hospital. ✷ **Lucy Lee Frisbee** writes "Our life falls into a definite pattern of work, community service, and play!" The Frisbees work 10 months in Delhi, NY, in the northern Catskills, producing maple syrup (they ship!), making hay, tending 11 apartments and 20 Herefords. They serve on boards and committees for hospital, church, concerts, and beautification. Then they play for two months in S.W. FL (the Englewood area, south of Sarasota), enjoying golf, fishing, biking, beaching, and eating seafood. "Woven into this pattern are our three sons and families, who generously share their lives with us," Lucy adds. Their sons live in Yardley, PA; Reston, VA; and Delhi, NY. ✷ Skip '54 and **Janet Bogard Phinney** have moved from Reading, MA to Jamaica Plain, MA. Twin grandchildren blessed them with an Easter Sunday arrival, born to their elder son and his wife. ✷ **Sally Baldwin Utiger** had a busy spring officiating collegiate tennis matches. Then she planned to work on her own game in time for the Senior Nationals, "as long as they don't conflict with grandparenting—first things first!" ✷ Summer heat brought the Brewster family to Lake Cobbosseconte in Manchester, ME, where Pat and **Carol Whitham Brewster**'s farmhouse stretched to fit six grandchildren (ages 7, 6, 5, 4, 1 1/2, and 1) and their four parents. Most of the

Meg Curry Gregg, Helen Reid Gilmore, Anne Drysdale Connington, and Martha Jane O'Brien Fenn, all '51, in Brattleboro (see 1951 column)

time was spent in the lake and we were *swimming* our Chesapeake Bay retriever, instead of *walking* her. Next year's family reunions will have to be held in Brittany, France, where son Toby and wife Becca and their three small sons will live during his year of teaching there. Son Seth was 54th among the 1,100 athletes in the "Escape from Alcatraz" triathlon held last June in San Francisco. Not bad for a 39-year-old Portland, ME, attorney, who was once on the U.S. Olympic Pentathlon Training Team. ✷ **Chuck Ratté** reports: **Jim Hutchinson** called recently to wish Judy and me well in our new adventures, relocating from VT to MA and renovating a 100-year-old Vineyard farmhouse. Hutch is a great communicator and often calls a friend "out of the blue." We visited Hutch and Hayes a few years ago on our way to see friends in Lexington, KY. While we were there, Hutch said "Let's call Howie Rogers '53 in CA—I bet you haven't talked to him in 40 years." He was right—I hadn't. Howie recognized my voice right off and we had a great chat. Hutch is retired from Nestlé, but tells me he gets called on once in a while to help them out with odd tasks. Now Hutch is a NASCAR racing fan and there is a big track near his home in eastern TN. So if you go to the NASCAR races in Johnson City, TN, and see a big rabbit advertising Nestlé's Quik, approach it with your hand outstretched and say, "Hi, Hutch—How ya doing!" ✷ **John V. Emerson** wrote me a nice letter to share with classmates. John has retired and

moved to a smaller home—easier to care for, eliminating all ladders to paint second stories, and fewer stairs to sweep or fall down. Smart move, John. The house also makes life simpler so he and wife Bettina and their disabled adult child can travel and not worry about pipes freezing in a big house. The Emersons recently visited sunny FL and Disneyland. In May they were traveling to Italy and Greece. John spent time in Germany with the armed forces after Middlebury graduation, then completed a master's in architecture at the Boston Architectural Center. He worked a short time for the Salem (MA) Redevelopment Authority. He has worked for himself or in partnerships for most of his career. John hopes to make it to our big 50th Reunion. Send me a recent photo, John. The idea has already been sparked by our reunion chairs, **Billy Trask** and **Ruth Shonyo**. ✷ The sympathy of the class goes to **Margaret Nasmith Wedge**, whose husband, **George**, died on June 5. ✷ We also regret to report the recent death of **Joseph LaTaille** and send the condolences of the class to his family.

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Laura Chapman Rico went to her 50th high school reunion in NC and is looking forward to our 50th in 2003. On the same trip, she visited her sisters in VT and NY, and had a good visit with **Pat Heap Rockwell**. She also attended a meeting of professional graduates in CA. Laura returned to Aniak, AK, this summer for vacation Bible school. She was also there for the reburial of skeletal remains repatriated from the Museum of Natural History in NYC. ✷ The cochairs of this season's United Way of Addison County Campaign have been announced and they are none other than Jim '51 and **Ann McGinley Ross**. Ann was the cofounder of the United Fund of Cornwall, now the United Way of Addison County, 30 years ago. Ann spent 16 years teaching in Middlebury area schools, then she was the director of the Children's Art Exchange for four years. Her list of responsible leadership positions continues to grow: Cornwall Girl Scout Troop leader, Green Mountain Fiddlers' Parents chair, Middlebury AAUW president, Middlebury Recycling Committee secretary, Addison County CROP Walk chair, Frog Hollow Craft Center board, and Children's Art Exchange board. At the moment, she is serving as treasurer of the Vermont Alliance for Arts Education and adviser of the Children's Art Exchange, in addition to her duties for United Way. Of course she is also involved with the Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society and volunteers for Meals on Wheels.

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What an absolutely incredible weekend in the Green Mountains of Vermont! Those of you who stayed home, start planning for the 50th, because we've ordered more of the same weather for 2004! Sixty-three classmates were joined by 27 spouses and friends at the Château for an activity-packed weekend. John and Melissa, our student hosts, were bright, cheerful, and accommodating, making the "Chat" a perfect home away from home. Friday arrivals wandered up to Proctor Terrace for a Taste of Vermont buffet dinner. Some then went on to a chapel concert and then to McCullough's new student center for a cabaret and jazz trio. Saturday morning dawned clear, sunny, and warm (80 degrees). The Reunion Parade to Convocation in Mead Chapel proceeded up the hill at 10:30, all of us aided by our new Gamaliel Painter canes, given by the College to all reuning classes. Lunch on Proctor Terrace was followed by a large variety of activities. The evening started with cocktails in the lovely Chat drawing room (also 80 degrees), followed by dinner, a few speeches, and lots of conversations. Sunday, yours truly (Whit) and **Karol Baldwin Teiko** sang in the Alumni Choir at the chapel service (not many dry eyes after the Sevenfold Amen), then many adjourned to **Bob** and Betsy Heath '58 **Gleason**'s charming home for a farewell brunch. **Gus Boardman** ended up being master of ceremonies, since **Bill Skiff** couldn't come at the last moment. Golf scores seemed to have gotten lost (were they that bad?) so he called on **Pete Simonson** to present tennis prizes to **Chris Van Curan** and **Lannie Osborn Gartner**. I agreed to do one LAST stint as class secretary and **Tom Ryan** was persuaded to join me. He announced at the dinner that if we don't hear from you, we will start making up news, so start those letters or e-mails coming! Our class made a $319,161 contribution to the Annual Fund, with 63 percent participation, and we're gunning for more participation in 2004. Five classmates came back to a reunion for the first time ever and announced they won't miss another one. As we age, I'm finding great satisfaction in renewing old friendships, and I felt that others were experiencing the same pleasure. Many, many thanks to **Gus** and **Sally Robinson Boardman**, who chaired the 45th. They did a fabulous job! I'll save the news I dragged out of some of you for a future column. It was really good to see everybody. Until we visit again, stay involved, stay active! Tom wondered if we should mention being carried from bosky dell to sylvan glade in sedan chairs on the shoulders of joyful graduating seniors? Or about the eight professional sky divers, trailing blue and white smoke, who landed in our honor in front of Mead Chapel? Or that the catered brunch at the Gleasons was flown in from two of New York's more famous establishments and Bill's Barbecue of Kerrville, TX? Or should this just be a little secret among the 90 of us?

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We can't believe it either, but it really is time for our 45th Reunion! Mark your calendar: Reunion 2000, June 2-4, promises to be the best one ever—and we don't want to miss you! Vermont in June is beautiful and our reunion—in conjunction with the College's Bicentennial Celebration—virtually guarantees a great weekend back on campus. **Frank Punderson** will serve as the class social chair, so send him your ideas to help make this reunion even more special than the last.

WHAT THEY'D DO DIFFERENTLY IF THEY COULD "DO IT ALL AGAIN...."

"Take a Shakespeare course from Paul Cubeta, a course from 'Beowulf' Brown, and history from Professor Tillinghast, more art courses from Arthur Healey."
—Bill Simpson '58
Oakland, CA

"Nothing, really—I have always felt—and still do—that my courses and friendships prepared me very very well for teaching and family. My junior year in France was excellent."
—Eleanor Flandreau Josset '51
M.A. French, '52
Bridport, VT

"I would be a more conscientious student, and I would avoid some of the silly courses I took."
—Terry Twichell '59
Ojai, CA

"Take better advantage of the wonderful, natural environment."
—John Kerney '61
Newtown, PA

"I probably would not be admitted, as it is almost impossible to gain admission due to the school's current 'swimsuit rating' by US News."
—John Vecchiolla '64
Greenwich, CT

"I would study some art history and philosophy, maybe some American Literature—in addition to all the languages and history. I dream of having another year as an undergraduate."
—Ann Fowler LaBerge '65
Blacksburg, VA

"Enter as a freshman (I was a transfer), spend a semester or year studying abroad, adventure outside my major more often, take a biology class, do more hiking, eat more sticky buns (!), study a foreign language."
—Charlotte Kaplinka Landon '76
White Plains, NY

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GE metallurgist **Mark Benz** has been elected to the National Academy of Engineering, one of the highest professional distinctions accorded an engineer. He was cited by the academy "for pioneering and sustained contributions in metallurgy, ranging from the iron-carbon system to nuclear fuel cladding, superalloys, and superconductors." His amazing career at GE, which began in 1961, has included many honors and awards. He made major contributions to GE's revolutionary MRT (Magnetic Resonance-guided Therapy), which allows a physician to stand over and work on a patient being scanned by an MRI. During his Coolidge Fellowship years (1996-98), he focused on global research of "Materials for MRI Medical Imaging Systems" and "Preparation of Ultra-clean Nickel-base and Titanium-base Alloys by Innovative Extensions of ESR Technology." During this same period, he was appointed a visiting scholar at Middlebury. ✷ Father **Ronald C. Lawson**, a priest of the Montreal Archdiocese and chaplain with the U.S. Dept.. of Veterans Affairs, has been promoted to the position of associate director of chaplain service at the national level. In this new responsibility, he is chief consultant to the more than 300 Roman Catholic priests employed across the U.S. in various medical centers of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs. He is also chief coordinator for the chaplain services of all the VA medical centers in New England, NY, PA, NJ, DE, MD, VA, WV, and DC. ✷ Our restless biographer is at work once again. **Lyman Gilmore** says he's found yet another unknown, dead, white, male poet to chronicle. ✷ "Even with coaching from **Rollie Schopp**, the pressure was too great for the team of **Bob Vuillet** and **Mike Philbin**. They were badly beaten by **Karl Brautigam** and **John Hoops** at the Columbia Country Club this July. Karl and John won so much prize money, that they decided to take a trip to Alaska." At least this is the story according to John Hoops. ✷ After 44 years, former roommates **Marvin C. "Kip" Cheney** and **John Chase** finally got together in northern CA. Kip departed Middlebury in 1955 for the Univ. of MI as part of a dual degree program. Now active as a consultant in the wind energy business, he splits his time between Palm Springs and a residence in CT. Kip brought with him a photo album (circa 1952-55) with wonderful memories of the people of the Class of '56. Before such treasures are lost forever, copies should be made for bulletin board display. A digital scanner will enlarge snapshots inexpensively. Please send copies to any of the class secretaries and we'll mount a display for our next reunion in 2001.

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Pitcher Gabriel (jerryg@crocker.com), 120 Huntington Rd., Hadley, MA 01035; and Heather Hamilton Robinson (crobinson@top.monad.net), P.O. Box 3141, Peterborough, NH 03458.*

Lee Hall Albern and **Gail Parsell Beckett** and their husbands, Bob and Peter, spent three weeks in January exploring the wonders of the North and South Islands of New Zealand. Stopping in CA on their way home, Lee and Bob received a very special welcome. Their newest grandchild (their fifth) arrived on January 29. The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) recently presented **Sheldon Dean** with the 1998 Francis L. LaQue Memorial Award for significant contributions in the field of corrosion testing and evaluation. Sheldon is a researcher with Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., in Allentown, PA, where he lives with wife Linda Durfee Dean '58. ✷ **John Middleton** participated in a panel discussion about reporting the news in Southbury, CT, last spring. John has been editor of the *Heritage Villager* newspaper in Southbury for 22 years. ✷ Now retired as an administrator for the International Tennis Federation, **Kendall Farrar**, was running for a place on the Orleans, MA, Board of Selectman last spring. Kendall is a member of the Orleans Citizens Forum and the Association for Preservation of Cape Cod.

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Retiring class secretary Byron Koh reports: Our 40th Reunion was a remarkable one for several reasons. Our turnout was impressively high (118 class members—67 percent of the class). We received the Raymond A. Ablondi '52 Cup for the largest reunion class gift ever presented to the College (more than $7 million from 63 percent of the class). We also received the Gordon C. Perine '49 Award (to the reunion class other than the 25th and 50th with the greatest increase in the class gift). Again, we have two class presidents: **Pete Erbe** and **Anne Martin Hartmann**. Classmates who deserve more thanks include reunion chairs **Roger Miller** and **Ann Martin Hartmann**; past class presidents **Granthia Lavery Preston** and **Pete Erbe**. One highlight of the weekend was the canoe trip in perfect weather, with 42 of us in 13 canoes starting from the covered bridge and paddling three or four miles down Otter Creek toward Middlebury. This flawless trip was organized by **Hilton Bicknell**. At the class dinner, Bick made the following trip awards: The Teamwork/Helpers Award to **Bob Luce**, **John Fay**, **Lester McDowell**, and **Bill Hahn**. **Shirley Manchester McDowell** was cited for her trip alone in a kayak. The "Best Legs" went to **George Finch**. **Tammy Kuebler** won the "Queen of the Nile" award; **Noel Casely Locke** was the "Most Sophisticated Dressed Lady." Bick thanked the class for its support over the years that finally brought him home from the Vietnam War. ✷ The class dinner was in a large tent behind the former Sig Ep house (now Meeker), while the full moon rose over the mountains. Chaplain Scott and Prof. Pardon Tillinghast were there. **Barry Croland**, again our master of ceremonies, cited **Harry Hisang** and wife Nancy as those who had traveled farthest to attend—from Hong Kong. ✷ The 40th Reunion Newsletter has many details about our classmates. One item that didn't make it into the Newsletter was about **Dan Kirby**, who has been retired for four years from a career in banking with Fuji and then Barclay Banks. When Dan met his wife in Japan, she could not speak English, but he spoke Japanese. Their daughter, Victoria, is now 26. A gardener and fly fisherman who ties his own flies, Dan calls himself a "silly old man, who tries to do as little as possible." ✷ Teaching at Boise State Univ. for 30 years, **Charles Davis** specializes in the British novel. He teaches a humanities course on television, serves on the board of the Idaho Shakespeare Festival, and is treasurer of the Writer's Project. ✷ Someone asked if the cookies at the class dinner were "Joe Froggers," made by **David Percival**. ✷ Earla and **Don Woodworth**, who have three Middlebury offspring, attended reunion along with youngest son Gordon '84, who was there for his 15th Reunion. Gordon is sports information director at UVM. Son Greg is an attorney in Portland, ME; daughter Sue coordinates campus ministries at Hartwick and Oneonta State. ✷ **Paul Schosberg** has been chief of staff for two congressmen. ✷ A personal highlight of reunion was our stay at Judith's Garden, a delightful bed and breakfast run by **Richard Conrad** and wife Judith Irven in Goshen, VT. Fran and I enjoyed the room (there are three guest rooms), our hosts, the house, the walks, the extraordinary breakfasts, and the gardens. Fran and I—along with Nancy and **Harry Hsiang** (who also stayed there)—saw a moose in their small pond! After seeing many of our male classmates at reunion, I was struck by how much weight has been shed since 1959. We are all healthier and better looking. ✷ **Terry Twichell** became a grandfather for the first time last October, when a son was born to his son. In the spring he became a grandfather once again with the birth of a daughter to his daughter, Molly Twichell Perry (M.A. Spanish '92). Molly teaches Spanish at Thacher School (Ojai, CA), where Terry is an administrator. ✷ **Phil** and Pam Moyer '69 **Buley** are enjoying retirement with their "annual February break in DC, catching up on the latest at the National, Renwick, and Corcoran Galleries." Their daughter was married in May, then "a week in Hong Kong soaking up the contrasting culture. After four days at home (mowing and laundering!) it was two weeks in Morocco. Now it's time to travel in the U.S. to see our sons, wherever they are settled by fall." ✷ **John Medici**—an editor-translator at Chemical Abstracts Service in Columbus, OH—swims competitively, speaks four languages, and competes in triathlons.

Downstream with '59ers Linda Brewster Jackson, Dieter van der Bent, and George Jackson (see 1959 column)

In addition, he has collected minerals, gemstones, and fossils since 1964, with several of his finds ending up at the Smithsonian Institution and the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History. Besides supplying him with adventures, his collecting has financed the college educations of sons Jay (34), Eric (32), and Brett (30). In September 1998, John finished first in his age bracket at the Miss America Pageant Swim in Atlantic City, NJ, a 1.5-mile ocean swim. In the months prior, he won three events at the OH Masters championships, finished in the top 10 in every event at the Masters short-course championships, won his age group at the Delaware County Triathlon, won seven medals from the Masters long-course championships in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and qualified for this October's Senior Olympics in triathlon and most swimming events. However, he was not likely to compete in the Senior Olympics: "I just don't have the time to work out." Sounds like a busy guy. ✷ Our new class secretaries are **Nancy McKnight Smith** and **Don Woodworth**. I am sure that Nancy and Don will enjoy their terms. As Granthia said at the dinner, working with the College is a joy. I hope that all of us will attend the 45th Reunion, for all the obvious reasons and one that I had not thought of. As **Aliceanne Britian Griffin** observed, "Where else are you going to find so many people of your own age?" And where else would there be so many people of your own age with whom you have such a significant shared history?

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Bill Stritzler, owner and managing director of Smugglers' Notch Resort, has been appointed to the board of VT Public Television. ✷ **Tim Smith** and wife Anne are retired and living in Craftsbury Common, VT, where they rebuilt a 130-year-old house. Last winter Tim taught x-country skiing and coached a high school team (at age 60). Last spring they sailed their boat in the Caribbean. ✷ **Penny Pitou** was in the news recently when former recipients of scholarships from the Lakes Region Scholarship Foundation (LRSF) got together in Laconia, NH, to share their success stories. Penny said she would not have been able to go to Middlebury without the support she received from the LRSF, which has awarded $1,755,000 in scholarships since 1956. Penny owns her own travel agency in Laconia. ✷ **Gail "Pug" Smith Bieger** e-mailed from the Netherlands, where she is still a medical translator. She gets to the states regularly to visit her mother. She and husband Rob have traveled extensively, to places such as Central Asia, China, Guatemala, India, and South Africa. Their plans for 2000 include Jordan and Syria. ✷ **Lee (Leon) Vancini**, of Johns Island, SC, celebrated his big six-O last fall by taking both sons to Ireland for a golf holiday. Actually, it was more of an endurance test, as they played seven courses in eight days. Pres. Clinton tried to bump them from Ballybunion on HIS day, but Lee and the boys completed their round before his tee time. Last November Lee spent time in Egypt and the UK on airport financial consulting assignments. His firm is rapidly becoming a recognized investment banker to that industry. In May he made another trip to London, combining business and pleasure. ✷ **Polly Johnson Stephens**, of Concord, MA, works in human resources for what became Corning OCA after their acquisition by Corning Inc. two years ago. She has watched the company go from 50 to 250 employees and still growing, doesn't see retirement in the near future, and takes courses in human resources management at Bentley College. She stays in touch with **Helen Schlaufman Lang** and **Sandra Feldmann Williamson**. They hope to get together one of these days. (How about reunion 2000?) ✷ After living in parsonages for 35 years, John and **Mary Jane Bliss Swanson** own their first home in Raymond, ME. They enjoy the endless landscaping possibilities and the freedom retirement has given them. MJ works three spring months at a greenhouse and puts most of her earnings into plants. Their fourth graduated from college in May 1997, allowing them time and money to travel—HI this year, they hope. For the June wedding of their second Midd kid, Karla '89, MJ made the wedding dress and the dress for the maid of honor, youngest daughter Shelley. ✷ **Caroline Smith Freeman**, of Somerville, MA, has a newish job: information technology manager for PinPoint Corp., Bedford and Burlington, MA. PinPoint is the leading provider in the new product category of Local Positioning Systems. Using digital, spread spectrum radio frequency technology, they can help you locate, track, and secure your company's valuable assets and personnel. ✷ **Judy Neese Woods** and **Jean MacInnes** got together for breakfast when Jean made her annual trip from Bozeman, MT, to Albuquerque, NM, to visit friends. In June, Judy traveled to Prague and Budapest. Husband Bob has been flying his homebuilt Cyote experimental airplane. Still undecided about retirement, Judy continues teaching English in high school and is extra busy as area president of the International Reading Assoc. ✷ **Linda Sharp Cooper** and husband Dick Hevly hope to make it to reunion in 2000. Linda's eldest son, Jim Cooper and family, moved from HI to Houston, making it easier for Linda to visit grandsons Ryan and Tyler James Cooper. Younger son Rick Cooper and his family live in Beaverton, OR. ✷ Western class secretary **Jan Fisher Barstad** reports from Tempe, AZ, that Bill and **Liz Van Horn Taylor** are moving from one address to another in Tucson. They sold a house out by the Desert Museum, west of town, and are moving into town to be near their favorite bakery and Trader Joe's. Jan got a book to press with Southwest Parks and Monuments Assn., on Hohokam pottery, for anyone interested in prehistoric stuff. Jan and husband Ron travel the Southwest whenever they can in their customized van camper. ✷ **Judy Falby Tuttle** has gotten her program for school-aged boys accredited. In January she took them to Whist, BC, for snowboarding. In May they went to Belize to snorkel, visit the rain forest, and see the Mayan ruins. Her students built a photography studio so they can develop the pictures they take on their trips. ✷ On a trip to New England, **Jean Seeler** and significant other Dave Gifford visited with Jim and **Susan Long Brock** in Williamsburg, VA. Susan has been taking classes at William and Mary. Now that Jim is retired, they winter in VA and summer in Boothbay, ME. Their daughter is being married next spring so they won't be able to get to reunion. ✷ Jean and Dave ran into Judy Tuttle's younger brother and his family on the city dock in Annapolis, MD. The Tuttles were returning home via the Intercoastal Waterway after spending a year sailing in the Caribbean. Jean was wearing the Middlebury sweatshirt she bought at our 35th Reunion. Start planning for our 40th, June 2-4, 2000. Thanks for all the notes and e-mails. Keep 'em coming.

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Ralph Stone has been honored for his voluntary provision of legal services to the poor. The State Bar of California presented Ralph with the Wiley W. Manuel Pro Bono Services Award in March. A retired Federal Trade Commission attorney, Ralph volunteers at the Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic in San Francisco, assisting battered women prepare legal forms with the supporting declarations necessary to apply for restraining orders against their batterers. ✷ **Judy Remmington Parsons** would be as proud as her husband Rod Parsons '62 is of their son, Brad Parsons, and as Susan and I are of our daughter, Kathryn Crampton. After college at Stanford and Pomona respectively, both Brad and Kathryn graduated with honors from the UVM College of Medicine in May. They were two of eight classmates elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Brad received the James E. Demeules Surgical Research Prize awarded by the Medical School, while Kathryn received the Charles T. Schectman Award for clinical excellence from the Medical School and the Pediatric Prize from the New England Pediatric Society of Boston. Brad has accepted a residency in orthopedic surgery at the Mount Sinai Hospital in NYC, where he will reside with wife Cindy. Kathryn has accepted a residency in pediatrics at the Fletcher-Allen Medical Center in Burlington, where she will reside with husband Jason, a second-year resident.

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Kathleen McKinley Harris of Charlotte, VT, has won the Ralph Nading Hill, Jr., literary prize awarded annually by Green Mountain Power Corp. and *Vermont Life Magazine*. Her winning entry—a poem entitled "Bear Fear"—was to be published in the fall issue of *Vermont Life*. Her poem was based on childhood memories of her family's farm in Hyde Park, VT. ✷ Dr. **John W. Furlow, Jr.** has been appointed interim dean at Ohio University-Lancaster. John had been serving as assistant dean and chief academic officer of the campus. Before coming to the university in 1993, John served as the director of academic affairs at Penn State University's DuBois campus and was an assistant prof. of history. ✷ **Liza Dunphey Fischer** was planning to take daughter Pam, a Chicago architect, on a three-week Craftworld Tour in Ecuador and Peru this summer. Next summer's adventure will be a 13-day trip in the Grand Canyon with Larry. She and a friend have formed a two-woman Outdoor Club with the following rules: NO SHOPPING!; be outdoors; bring your own lunch; be able to walk. Their farthest foray forth was to a two-day women's clinic on sea kayaking on Lake Michigan. Among other things, they learned how to escape from an upside-down kayak. She said it was great fun. ✷ In 1993, **Carol Brewer Marsden** moved from NY to Albuquerque, where she is coordinator for the city's employee assistance program. This involves testing and counseling police

PROFILE

VOYAGE BACK IN TIME

Heddi Siebel is exploring, through painting, the territory where her grandfather's expedition ended in disaster.

HEDDI SIEBEL '72 HAS A DREAM. It took shape 10 years after her mother gave her a dusty green book—a journal written by her grandfather, John Colin Vaughan, while journeying to the North Pole with the Aigler Expedition. The Aigler Expedition was a company of American and Norwegian men who set out for the "blank spot on the map" in 1903, in hopes of doing what had not yet been done: attaining the North Pole. But on the expedition something unexplained occurred; despite ample funding and an experienced crew, the ship sank and the expedition failed. Nearly 100 years later, Heddi Siebel is attempting to discover what caused the expedition to fail so disastrously.

A painter and printmaker living in Cambridge, Massachussetts, Siebel decided that the only way to know what happened to her grandfather and the company was to take the journey herself. The idea occurred to her that the story—the real story, complete with psychological revelation—would reveal itself in the landscape as she painted it. She raises questions regarding the artistic experience in conjunction with exploration, how history colors past events, and the connection between story and landscape. By existing in, and painting, the landscape that her grandfather explorered, Heddi Siebel hopes to find the truth—not only about the expedition, but about herself and artistic experience in general.

Siebel, along with her son, Alex Felix, took her first trip last summer to Svalbard, a group of islands off the coast of Norway owned by 42 separate nations, where she was able to begin piecing together her grandfather's story. She kept a journal, recording whom she met, the information they contributed, and what she saw. The journal is posted on a Web site devoted to the project (http://earth.simmons.edu/arctic_art) where Siebel has stockpiled her thoughts and impressions.

She'll return to the Arctic in 2001, this time to the Franz Josef Land, which is mostly wilderness, populated only by military bases and old explorers' camps. Siebel will spend two years there, painting and exploring. "I am taking a decidedly artistic, psychological, and perhaps female point of view in analyzing just what happened to the group during their two years on the Franz Josef Land," she explains. Julia Whitty, a writer and film producer from California, is producing a documentary in collaboration with Siebel. The film will use the contemporary expedition to tell the historical story. —*Courtney Palmbush '00*

and firemen, corrections officers, heavy equipment operators, etc., for drug and alcohol abuse and other problems. She is also president of the NM chapter of the Employee Assistance Professional Assoc. She has two married children—Anne, who has two daughters (5 and 3), and George, who lives in Tucson. ✷ **Scotti Stephens Wright** had one hip replaced in May and the second in July. ✷ **Judy Bosworth Roësset** reports taking a Holiday Fellowship walking tour in March 1997, in Mallorca. That was such fun and I met such a super bunch of people that in May 1998 I signed up for two weeks with H.F. in Tuscany and this May for another two weeks in Sorrento. H.F. is an English group. In July I'm going to try one of their walks in Wales, in the Brecon Mountains, after spending a week in northern Wales at a timeshare with my husband and friends. I've been severely bitten by the travel bug and walking is a wonderful way to see bits and pieces of a country, without the temptation to shop (after two weeks in Italy I had only $15 worth of purchases to declare!) and to meet some really fascinating fellow hikers. All these trips have been exhilarating experiences. Healthy, too, though for some unaccountable reason all that vigorous exercise doesn't compensate for the abundant food and wine! ✷ **Bonnie Boyd Russ** reports: **Helen Stone Alcala** just returned from the "trip of a lifetime" in France. She stayed with a French friend she met years ago while studying for her master's in Paris with the Middlebury Program. Her travels included Paris and environs, Figeac and environs (12th-century villages built into cliffs, surrounded by fortifications), the towns of Provence, La Camarque, and Les St. Marie's on the coast. The "French immersion"—speaking, reading, writing, and listening to French for a month—was helpful, as Helen teaches French and Spanish at Lasell College in Newton, MA. Helen's daughter, Lisa, lives in AZ with her family, including Helen's granddaughter Lillian. ✷ **Pete Steinle** is still enjoying sales through his company Steinle Associates with Mass Mutual. He and wife Lynn live in West Hartford, CT. He admits to taking much more time now to enjoy family and travel, as well as frequent fishing or hunting trips with **John Sinclair**. Last March, he blew out 60 candles in FL, while on vacation with Lynn and children Tom '84, Susan Steinle McKenzie '87, Peter '92, and four grandchildren. In May he returned to FL to celebrate the wedding of Jean and Al '60 and **Jean Yeomans Lamson**'s daughter, Kate. Reports confirm a wonderful wedding and lots of laughs with Nancy and **John Sinclair**, Nancy and **Jim Laird**, and Jim '59 and Sally Tingle Southard '61. ✷ **Jane McKinney Johnson** is another brave classmate who says "let me hear from you" if you're planning a trip to the Atlanta area. She is one hour south of Atlanta and promises bass fishing delight at the 25,000-acre Corps of Engineer's lake. (Maybe Pete Steinle and John Sinclair will take you up on that, Jane!) Jane's son Patrick graduated from FL State last year and has returned to the Atlanta area to look for a job. Son David has a year to go at GA Tech, where he is an industrial engineering major. Jane and husband Bill were looking forward to a trip to Warsaw, Poland, in September to visit with friends stationed there (Air Attaché), who will accompany them on trips to Budapest and Prague.

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On April 30, **John Connors** completed a five-month consulting assignment in Boston. "A highlight of the sojourn was dinner hosted by Karen and **Mark Cangiano**. Also present were Beverly and **Sabin Streeter** and son Gordon '90. One of us was running in the Boston Marathon the next day. It should not be too hard to determine which one. As I discovered this trip, there is much more to

Boston than the Combat Zone to which several of our classmates escorted me during our college years. Had a wonderful time in the North End, along Newbury, and in the theater district. Had to visit Cotton and Increase Mathers' graves. They caused me enough trouble in Prof. Munford's class, so I wanted to be sure they weren't still writing! At the end of the tour, I was reduced to boarding catamarans to watch whales frolic in the Atlantic! I did get to see a game at Fenway. A great ball park!" ✷ Watercolorist **Debbie Peterson Tintle** was "artist of the month" at Montclair (NJ) Community Hospital last March. Her travels throughout the U.S. and Europe were reflected in this exhibit, which included landscapes, Beatrix Potter's garden at Hawkshead, Renoir's farm in Cagnes, and the boating communities of Rockport and Gloucester, MA. Debbie has served as president of the NJ Watercolor Society, as a board member of the Catherine Lorillard Wolfe Art Club, and as a board member of the NJ American Artists Professional League. ✷ Dr. **Edward G. Hixson** was profiled in the *Lake Placid News* last February. Besides his medical practice in Saranac Lake, NY, he has served as the director of the medical supervisory team for the U.S. Nordic Ski Team since 1978. He was vice chair of medical services for the 1980 Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid and has obtained the rank of Lt. Col. with the Army National Guard in VT. In addition to three adult children, Ed and wife Karen are the parents of two teenage sons. His "leisure" time activities include high altitude mountaineering and expeditions, including Mt. Everest expeditions in 1992, 1993, and 1994. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Susan Whitlock Roesler** on May 24. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Check out the alumni Web site at www.middlebury.edu/~alumni, where our class photo is (or perhaps was, by the time you read this) the featured reunion photo. Thirty-nine class members returned for our 35th Reunion in May, when we were headquartered in Allen Hall. **Sam Gordon** served as the master of ceremonies for the class banquet, held in a tent behind Forest Hall. **John Vecchiolla** was selected to chronicle our lives via class notes, so send your news to the address in the heading above. John has been reelected to the CT Bar Assoc. House of Delegates from District #1-Greenwich for a three-year term and to the board of governors. ✷ **Timothy Hayward** is president of the Vermont Bankers Assoc. in Montpelier. Active in community and political affairs, Tim has served as chair of the school board, town budget committee, and clerk of the Union High School district. Tim and wife Susan have three children. ✷ **Jean Waller Brune** is a "dynamic, dedicated teacher, mother and grandmother," (North Adams, MA *Transcript*, July 17) who is waging a battle against illiteracy. She taught at Gilman, a boys' school in Baltimore, for 24 years and is now of Roland Park Country School in Baltimore, a private girls' school. Jean promotes her love of reading and is looking forward to reading to her first grandchild, Isabelle Jean, who recently turned one. ✷ **Henry Katz**, a 47-year resident of Sharon, MA, has been a selectman for nine years and was running for another three-year term last May. Henry and wife Ellen Wilbur have raised three children in Sharon. ✷ **Molly Buffum Turlish** is director of development, College of Arts and Sciences, Northeastern Univ. As a prime mover in initiating and managing a minority internship program, Molly is the 1999 winner of the Carol and Stephen Hebert Award for CASE District I. ✷ We regret to report the death of **Margaret Roache Wenzel** on June 9. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Class Secretaries: *Polly Moore Walters (Mrs. Kenneth), 100 Grandview Ave., Fort Collins, CO 80521; and Frederick W. Stetson (fredstets@aol.com), 123 N. Union St., Burlington, VT 05401.*

On learning of the death of **Wendy Peirson Nourjian** on May 3, from cancer, Fred Stetson wrote the following: "How sad, how disconnected I feel, not to have known of your courageous struggle, and not to have known the beauty of your later life. But, I can tell by what I've read and heard about you in recent days that I need not have worried. You would not want sadness or pity or self-pity. You would want us to live life to the fullest and that fits the way I remember you. As long as my memory serves me, I will not forget the time you came to my window (I discovered much later that this was your birthday!) on Easter 1962, freshman year, when I lived in a ground-floor room in Hepburn Hall. On Easter morning, you came to my window with a gift. We had not seen much of each other that spring. Bruce, I think, had been winning your affections. But on that morning, while I was grinding away at my books, you left on my window sill an Easter basket, not of eggs, but three new tennis balls, painted with Easter-like flowers, bunnies, and other decorations. Just a little something to brighten my life as I struggled to meet the academic challenges of my first year at Middlebury. I was so grateful for your kind gesture, your thoughtfulness, and your friendship. Later that morning, you rode your bike out past Lake Dunmore to the Falls of Llana. You and a few friends swam in the frigid mountain stream and then biked back to Middlebury, laughing much of the way. At least that's how **Mike McCann** remembered the outing. How I wish I had taken a break from studying and taken that trip. You gave encouragement and joy to others at Middlebury, too, especially by your spirited skiing on the slopes of the Snow Bowl. You have four wonderful children. You have touched others and given kind and joyful gifts. We thank you, we love you, and we wish you peace and happiness, wherever heaven's fair winds may take you. On behalf of the Middlebury College Class of 1965, your friend, Fred." Another memorial appears elsewhere in this issue. ✷ We lost another valiant classmate with the death of **Richard C. Douglas** on June 28. Using a wheelchair since 1980, due to multiple sclerosis, Rick was an ardent advocate for the rights of the disabled. From 1991 to 1995 he was executive director of the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, speaking nationally and meeting with disability rights organizations. Knowing that employment is the key to participation in society, he urged people to be assertive in demanding to be treated fairly. His advocacy for access to commuter aircraft created national media coverage, which led to a change in policy and new regulations requiring lifts for commuter planes to accommodate wheelchair users. Rick was on campus in April 1997, speaking on disabilities and civil rights. We extend the deepest sympathy of the class to his wife, Nancy Flinn, and all the family. A memorial appears elsewhere. ✷

Ann Fowler LaBerge has a third book out: *Constructing Paris Medicine* (Amsterdam/Atlantic; Rodzer, 1998). Ann is still an assoc. prof. of science and technology studies at Virginia Tech. Daughter Leigh Claire graduated from Hampshire College (Amherst, MA) in 1998. Daughter Louisa is a senior at the Univ. of VA.

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Carolyn Sharp Hamilton (carolynhamilton@mindspring.com) writes: "We've moved on! Took early retirement from AT&T/Lucent and found sun, fish, and fun in Punta Gorda, FL. This is our U.S. base from which we travel to Asia (our former home), to Italy and Rome, and to the Bahamas."

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Class secretary David Robinson reports: **Craig Ehrich** recently reported on a five-day blackout that he and about a million other New Yorkers endured during a July heat wave. Those of us who live in more rural areas may forget what it can be like to live on an upper floor of an apartment building when suddenly there is no water, no air conditioning, no stairwell lighting, no elevator, and food spoiled in the refrigerator. Craig reported that it was especially tough on the elderly. Many people took chairs out to the sidewalks. With no television and no lamplight for evening reading, they finally had a chance to chat with their neighbors. We also recalled, in the aftermath of several shootings this year on high school campuses, the relative innocence of our years at Middlebury. There were so few kinds of trouble that we could get into—and the college rules in the mid-'60s provided penalties for offenses that today seem almost quaintly appealing. I seem to recall a rule against stealing trays from the dining hall to slide down Chapel Hill on a winter day. Male classmates who remained on the women's side of campus after 11 P.M. curfew were escorted back across the street by Officer Robert Steves. And should a Middlebury woman accept an invitation to enter a men's dormitory and be found therein, she could anticipate an immediate suspension (and a call to parents) from Dean Kelley. Most of us did not have cars, knew no one who had a gun, and knew nothing of mind-altering drugs (other than alcohol). The only big offenses available were breaking curfew (unfairly for the women only) or being drunk and disorderly. Today's students live in a tougher world. They face far greater chance than we did of contracting a sexually transmitted disease, have a greater concern for global problems, must sort out the complexities of 1990s post-sexual-revolution relationships, and confront more complex choices about career and graduate school. Add to that the chance of having a deranged classmate with a firearm, and you're talking about a harsher world. Though they didn't seem so at the time, we can look back at our college years as a comfortable time for learning and growing when we were truly living in a simpler world. ✷ **Arthur Murphy** is a research scientist at the Georgia Tech Center for Rehabilitation Technology. He formerly taught principles of com-

WHAT THEY'D DO DIFFERENTLY IF THEY COULD "DO IT ALL AGAIN...."

"More!"

—Michael Jay Epley '85
New York, NY

"I would envision the thoughts and feelings which would have made me the happiest; trying that and not limiting my experience."

—Todd W. Miller '83
Burlington, VT

"Skip the practical courses, science and math, and take more art, music, and philosophy. I'd risk speaking up more in class, even if it made me look like an idiot."

—Robert Gladding '85
New York, NY

"I would do a double major in philosophy and German instead of economics and German. Middlebury is an academic utopia—the only chance you may have in life to both exercise the mind and indulge the intellect.

—Amy Leith '90
New York, NY

"I would slow down and enjoy the beautiful Vermont outdoors."

—Anika Kersten-Thompson '93
Minneapolis, MN

"I would have gone abroad junior year, and started crew before my junior year."

—Brian Rickauer, '93
Greenwich, CT

"I would have taken more pictures."

—Ryan Jones '93
University Park, MD

"I would not have become a member of a social house. I would have double majored in history and art-history. I would have snowboarded instead of skiing. I would have taken more literature and writing classes."

—Aaron Mendelsohn '95
Washington, DC

puter programming and information technology to adults with physical disabilities. ✷ **Charles Mead** has been named VP of sales at Interpath Communications. He was most recently VP of communications industry sales at Compaq Computer Corp. ✷ After more than 25 years of service, **Jim Soule** (jim.soule@state.co.us) retired from the Colorado Geological Survey in September. He now works part time for the Survey, enabling him to deal with chronic arthritis caused by hemochromatosis. Jim studied under the late Brew Baldwin and the late Pete Coney at Middlebury, after which he obtained his master's from the Univ. of NM, Albuquerque, in 1971. Jim has worked primarily in the areas of engineering geology, geologic-hazards analysis, and assisting local governments with dealing with related geologic problems. Living with wife Evelyn in Denver, he is still very active in the Denver and CO professional geologic communities.

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In his capacity as visual effects producer/supervisor this past year, **Dan Curry** received four Emmy nominations in the best special visual effects category, for three different episodes of *Star Trek, Voyager,* and the final episode of *Star Trek, Deep Space Nine.* Dan, who acquired three Emmies in previous years, lives in Bell Canyon, CA, with wife Ubolvan and son Devin (17). ✷ **Leslie Limon** (icom6@mindspring.com) writes: "I have a two-and-a-half-year old freelance copywriting business, with the mission to obliterate gratuitous techno- and marketing-speak wherever it lurks. Send me your leads! Recently I've expanded my campaign to jargon-heavy webtext. The good news: the market's enormous. The bad news: the worst offenders either don't get it or don't care."

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Class Secretaries: *Anne Harris Onion (onionpatch@cyberportal.net), P.O. Box 207, Gilmanton, NH 03237; and Peter Reynolds (preyn@wcvt.com), 64 Maple St., Bristol, VT 05443.*

Forty-eight members of the Class of '69 returned to campus for our 30th Reunion. Our lodging consisted of two of the four new Ridgeline Woods houses, which were beautiful. Our social chairs, **Julianne Wallace** and **Bill Hearne**, were ably assisted by **Jackie Ogden English** of Middlebury, although Jackie couldn't attend reunion. She and **Dick** were attending son Joel's graduation from Connecticut College. The class banquet was held at the Waybury Inn and many in the class ended up at Johnson, dancing the night away to Mango Jam. ✷ **Jamie Johnson Fitzgerald** was recently named a partner in the Stamford, CT, law firm of Cummings & Lockwood. Jamie lives in Guilford with her husband, Stephen. ✷ In MI, **Fred Batten** has joined Berry Moorman P.C., a Detroit and Birmingham based law firm with an affiliated office in St. Petersburg, Russia. Fred is a shareholder in the labor and employment law group. ✷ **M. Fred Brown** has been appointed to the board of directors of Granite Broadcasting Corp. Fred is the president and founder of JetAir Capital, Inc., specializing in commercial jet aircraft, jet trading and leasing, and aircraft spare parts. ✷ Bill Clinton has nominated Judge **Bill Sessions** to serve as a member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission, an independent commission in the judicial branch which establishes policies and practices for the federal courts. ✷ E-mail from **Christy Hitchens** (stardian@gateway.net): "Sorry I had to miss the 30th Reunion, but I was skydiving in Eloy, AZ, doing 100-person formation skydives! Some of the people I was jumping with had just been on the skydive with former President George Bush on June 9. Most sunny weekends are occupied with skydiving with a four-person team, and we are again planning to go the U.S. National Championships of Formation Skydiving in September in Sebastian, FL. Come see us there on September 18-26!" ✷ Surprise your new class secretaries by sending them news at the addresses in the heading above!

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Class Secretary: *Andy Wentink (andy@bccls.org), 232 Fycke Ln., Teaneck, NJ 07666.*

In summer '98, **Tom Pierson** "spent about three months in Ecuador on a sabbatical that afforded me time to do some immersion Spanish training, teach a short course at a university in Quito, do some geological field work in the Andes, and finish up with eight days in the Amazon jungle, complete with swimming in 'piranha-infested' rivers with pink, fresh-water dolphin. Quite an experience! I returned unexpectedly for another three weeks in October, during a period of unrest at Guagua Pichincha volcano, which is just on the outskirts of Quito. In January, I largely set aside active research with the USGS to try my hand at science-agency management, as associate scientist in charge at the Cascades Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, WA. Homelife is crazy, fun, and estrogen-saturated with four teenage daughters/stepdaughters, but I find a little time for hobbies that include crafting an elaborate tree house in our back woods (1.5 stories and sleeps six) and playing jazz and blues on the clarinet (resurrected from junior high days). In late June I'll be taking daughter Clare on a college tour through CA, stopping on the way to visit former Middlebury roommate **Fred Shepardson** in Portola Valley." ✷ **Nancy Heller** has "continued doing Israeli and Balkan folk dancing, which I've been performing off and on since age 12. For 14 years I was in a DC-based Spanish dance performing group (flamenco, some Spanish classical stuff, and lots of folk dances from all regions of Spain). I teach Spanish dance occasionally at the Univ. of the Arts in Philadelphia, where my 'real' job is doing art history. I still write lots of dance and visual arts reviews for various newspapers and magazines. In the last 10 years, I've been trying to bring together art and Spanish dance by giving lectures and writing articles about visual representations of Spanish dance (by Manet, Sargent, Matisse, et al), interpreted from the point of view of 'performance practice'—a phrase I've only just learned to use. Oh, and I recently joined 'Dancers Over 40.'" ✷ **Dick** and **Meg Floyd McCann** (margaretmccann@worldnet.att.net) are still living in NC, but enjoy summer vacations at their cabin in Maine. Last summer Meg and **Beth Prasse Hassinger** met up for a day hike in the White Mountains. Beth, as well as Dick's sister, Mary McCann-Baker '77, were planning to canoe the Allagash together with Dick and Meg this summer. Dick is chief of vascular surgery at Duke Univ. Medical Center. As an escape from the beeper, he likes to fly small planes (currently a Bonanza). Meg does part-time consult-

Kate Mead '70, Jim Davis '81, Woody Jackson '70, Rip Mason '73, and Bruce Willard '77 at Woody's California exhibit (see 1970 column)

ing work in epidemiology, specializing in research on women's and children's health issues. Her most exciting project involved a trip to Vietnam last summer, which began with tracing a map of the country to show the provinces where the study would be conducted—recalling Middlebury cartography classes in the pre-computerized mapping era. She is also active on various community governing boards (church, local soup kitchen, and previously at the children's school). "Son Joshua is a sophomore at East Chapel Hill High School, with ambitions to play basketball at a small college. Maybe Middlebury? Daughter Jennifer is a junior at Carleton College in MN. Last summer she worked at a Girl Scout camp in WI with the daughter of **Larry** and Leslie Boyle '71 **Shipps**. They discovered their common Middlebury heritage when Larry's daughter commented on Jen's Ben and Jerry's bandanna, saying that her dad went to college with the guy who designed those cows!" ✷ And speaking of the guy who designed those cows, **Woody Jackson** presented more than 90 watercolors from CA, VT, and NM to benefit the Dream Foundation (formerly Dalmation Dreams), a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhance the quality of life for individuals and families battling terminal illnesses. Woody has intensified his color palette and reflects more architecture in his subject matter, including the Santa Barbara Mission. Bruce Willard '77 opened up his offices at the Territory Ahead in Santa Barbara for the exhibit. Others celebrating the opening of the exhibit on March 12 (see photo) were **Kate Mead**, Jim Davis '81, Rip Mason '73, and Bruce Willard '77.

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Deborah Bailey has been elected to the board of trustees of the Westfield (NJ) Adult School Assoc. From 1971 to 1989, she was employed by the State of Lower Saxony, Germany, to teach English as a foreign language in the German public school system. Since returning to Westfield, she has volunteered with the Miller-Cory Museum, the historical society, the Day Care Auxiliary, and Mobile Meals. ✷ **Gail Stevenson** (stevens@champlain.edu) writes: "A year ago, I moved to Burlington, VT, to become director of international programs at Champlain College. Although my professional focus has been on building links with the countries of the former Soviet Union in recent years, my job at Champlain entails working with new areas of the world, such as Dubai, where I even got to ride a camel in April! My daughter, Marina, starts second grade in the fall." ✷ Topsham, ME, artist **Natasha Kempers-Cullen** created her largest work so far for the Maine Fabric and Fiber Arts Festival last spring at the Portland (ME) Museum of Art, Brunswick. Measuring 150 inches square, her "Syncopated Harmonies" was made of strips of hand-painted fabric which she tore apart and then wove together. Made of 21 panels, each was loosely made like a quilt and stretched over a wood frame. Covering nearly all of one wall in the Great Hall, her work combines her love of painting and printmaking and fiber. ✷ **Peter Wood** (pwwood49@hotmail.com) sends an update from Yarmouth, ME: "My wife, Ellen, and I continue to enjoy ME, biking and sea kayaking. Last winter we scuba-dived in Palau and the year before in Papua New Guinea. Later this summer we're spending 10 days in northern Scotland, Cape of Wrath to John O'Groats, for my 50th birthday."

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Sixteen photographs by **Jack Montgomery** were exhibited at the Maine Governor's State House Gallery from April through June. "Soul Survivors: Legacy of the Holocaust" depicted Holocaust survivors who are living and working in Maine. "In my view," Jack reports, "the goal of portraiture is to capture something of the spirit that dwells beneath skin. A successful portrait reflects a collaboration between the subject and the photographer, a collaboration born of mutual trust and respect. I am very grateful to the individuals whose pictures you see here for their trust, and I am honored to have had the chance to photograph them." Jack and wife Elisabeth (Ritchie) '72 live in South Freeport, ME. ✷ **Ellen Mercer Fallon** of the law firm Langrock, Sperry & Wool in Middlebury, was recently elected a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation, "an honorary organization of practicing attorneys, judges, and law teachers whose professional, public, and private careers have demonstrated outstanding dedication to the welfare of their communities and to the highest principles of the legal profession." ✷ **James Purnell** has joined the Rockville (CT) Public Library's board of trustees. A Vernon lawyer, he is regional information manager for Lexis-Nexis, an online database. ✷ **Martha Sosman**, who studies piano with Sally Pinkas at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge, has performed in a number of solo recitals and concerts. Martha practiced law in Boston until 1993, when she was appointed a Justice of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of MA.

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Class Secretary: *Robert E. Buxbaum (rbuxfree@aol.com), 35 W. 92nd St., #6E, New York, NY 10025.*

This spring and summer brought news of joyous new births, of the sad and too-early passing of a classmate, and of many life events in between. ✷ **John Akers** reported the birth of son Isaias Emiliano on Tuesday, April 13—the equivalent of Friday the 13th in the Hispanic world. ✷ Inspired by the sight of infants amoung the crowd at our 25th Reunion, Karen and **Bruce Lauterwasser** added Hannah Rose to their family on April 15, joining Steven (9), Clara (6), and Gregory (3). Bruce has passed the 20-year mark at Raytheon, while Karen teaches CPR and lifesaving for Winchester Hospital's Community Health Institute. They see Frank and **Franci Vinal Farnsworth** and **Bob McGirr** from time to time, and were delighted to see **John Wilson Whitewolf** at reunion after a number of years. ✷ **Jamien Morehouse**'s death on May 3, following a gallant struggle with cancer, and the remarkable Web site on which her family shared and continues to share the process of her dying, brought many classmates in contact for the first time in years. **Lindy Osterland Sargent**, Jamien's good friend, speaks for many of us: "I learned so much from James—in college, in life after college, in sickness, and in death. I think first of her great sense of humor and of story. We had so many, many laughs throughout these years! And I can still hear them and they give me smiles and comfort. Her spirit definitely lives on in all she knew and even in those she didn't. My book group up here in northern VT knows her well, for example. I loved the Web site because it helped me keep in daily spiritual touch (an amazing capacity for a technological invention!) in times when I couldn't be on the phone with her; it also gave me wonderful connections with lots of other friends. It was incredible to hear more wonderful Jamien stories at the memorial service. The last month and a half of her life was emotionally rich for me, sharing this 'passing on' experience with a good friend, who was becoming ever larger than life. It was another of Jamie's gifts. What else can I say? I wish she were still around so I could continue to visit with her, talk on the phone, write letters, and laugh. My heart goes out to all who knew her, especially her men and boys." ✷ In 1994, at age 42, **Sage Russell** quit her Middlebury Alumni Office job and went off to Emory Law School in Atlanta, as one of the oldest students in her class. "There were some hard parts, but going to law school in my middle years was a wonderfully rejuvenating experience. My life was badly in need of shaking up and certainly got it. After graduating in 1997, I was lucky enough to get exactly the kind of job I went to law school for, which (not coincidentally) does not entail the actual practice of law. I am doing international human rights work in the Science and Human Rights Program at the American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science." For Sage, Jamien's death was a powerful reminder of missed opportunities to connect that so many of us experienced in our college years. Sage is changing that and has recently seen **Guy Kettelhack**, **Larry Novins**, **Scott Helmers**, **Keith Oberg**, and our congressman, **Frank Pallone**. While on vacation this summer, she also spent a couple of days visiting **Jay Aronson**. ✷ Jonathan and **Priscilla Stone Stevens** have reached a watershed shared by many classmates. They became empty nesters this fall when son Cliff entered Trinity College in Hartford. With daughter Kate a senior at Midd, they get to see a lot of Midd kids. Priscilla is doing a lot of writing and editing and would love to see Midd friends. ✷ Three recent bomb threats

Jan Crean, Alan Levy, and Sheila Bamford Pulver, all '74, at Reunion '99 (see 1974 column)

VERMONT HOUSEWIFE CARDS

CORRECTION: Join the Art Card Club of Nancy Smith Detra '76 and get a six-pack of cards for $14. Each season (Feb., May, Aug., Nov.) you'll receive six cards and envelopes with an invoice and return address sticker. Join the club: Vermont Housewife Cards, 1118 Green River Road, Guilford, Vermont 05301.

in her son's junior high led **Catherine Norton Scherer** to get involved with other parents, listening to many points of view and helping to pull people together. Catherine's dad is dealing with prostate cancer and she finds it a privilege to be a part of his process and is grateful for the time they have together to celebrate his life. John and Catherine took children Asa and Emma on their first canoe camping trip to the MN boundary waters in August. ✷ Returning to DC from a family reunion in the Adirondacks, **Jay Aronson** also reported her great 36-hour visit with **Sage Russell**. She adds, "It does feel like e-mail/the net is keeping our connections stronger. **Bob Dean** keeps me chuckling across the miles with frequent jokes, a lift on a dark day." ✷ **Sue Meyer Lundy** reports that daughter Jamien got her name in part because she liked it when she saw it in *New Faces* back in 1969! (Also, Sue's dad is named James.) Her Jamien is a junior at UVM. Son Eric graduated from Colchester High School and, taking after his dad, is an avid ski racer. Steve '72 still builds wonderful homes. Sue is an RN in ortho-neuro rehab, while pursuing the family nurse practitioner program. ✷ In addition to her normal workload as a full-time prof. at Pace Univ., **Kathy Frazer Winsted** recently coached two soccer teams and one softball team, served as division softball commissioner, ran a Daisy troop and a Brownie troop, helped with Cub Scouts, and taught Sunday School. During summer, Kathy worked on research while the kids were in summer camps. Summer also included a trip to Myrtle Beach, a couple of weeks on the Raquette River in upstate NY, and a conference in San Francisco. Kathy reports that she is up for tenure this fall. ✷ In Arlington, VA, **Keith Oberg** has taken a leave of absence from the government, while continuing to work for not-for-profit Pedals for Progress. (Check out www.p4p.org for more information on this fun project.) Leave also allows time to coach daughter Kate's softball team and son Alex's soccer team (the latter in spite of having never played a minute of organized soccer in his life). Keith, wife Jessica Mott, Kate, and Alex alternate New England hiking vacations with explorations of nature out west. ✷ **Peter Hamlin** and wife **Chris Robbins** have moved to St. Paul, taking advantage of Peter's sabbatical "to live the city life for a year." Chris hopes to do some land-use and environmental work, research and writing. Peter's time is filled with many composition projects, including a particularly exciting one: "I'm writing a piece for Middlebury's 200th anniversary, to be performed in November 2000. Emory Fanning will be playing organ, and the College Choir will join the Middlebury Community Chorus and the Harlem Spiritual Ensemble. The project includes a number of residency visits to Middlebury. ✷ **Bill** (originally '70) and **Melinda Held Brunger** both enjoyed reunion at Middlebury, getting together with friends like **Ken** and **Carolyn Leggett Perine**. Melinda found she had a different appreciation of Middlebury 25 years out and felt very comfortable with the people she went to school with—many of whom she didn't know well when she was there! Thirteen-year residents of Houston, the Brungers enjoy the arts and international influences (including food). Bill, who does revenue management at Continental Airlines, ran in his first marathon this year in Fort Worth. Melinda became a partner this year at Andrews & Kurth L.L.P., and son Chris is a senior at Pitzer College in Claremont, CA. ✷ **Greg Greenwood**, wife Christie, and their three daughters (9, 11, and 13) recently visited friends and family in France and Switzerland. They skied for a few days and then spent a week at a farmhouse in Tuscany. Back in CA, they embarked in June on an epic journey through central California in a rented motor home. This trip included a set of French grandparents and an Italian watercolor painter whom they had met in Siena. In August, a visiting French cousin accompanied them to a family reunion in Jackson Hole. ✷ **Sallie Sprague** was in Australia in summer 1998; this summer she traveled east to celebrate her parents' 50th anniversary. She had breakfast and caught up on news with **Jenny Potter Scheu**. Sallie is still doing photography and housesitting by a lake in the NW corner of WA state. ✷ **Rachel Brunstetter Collins**, who teaches watercolor at the Art League of Northern VA, began entering national watercolor shows this year, including Watercolor USA, Midwestern Watercolor Show, and the Rocky Mountain Watercolor Show. As chair of the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Mount Vernon, VA, Rachel reports: "During the last two years I learned a great deal about social services when the Baha'i community here settled a six-member family of Iranian Baha'i refugees fleeing persecution in Iran. I could write a book on state and local social welfare policies and bureaucracy. The family is now settled, the children are making a success in school, and the parents both have paying jobs that support them." ✷ **Walter Newman** reported from his room in Hepburn, as a summer student at the Middlebury Spanish School. He plans to use Spanish for projects in paper conservation, working with Cuban, Puerto Rican, and Chilean conservators. He reported that he was finally learning his way around Starr Library, the second time around. It was interesting to see how high-tech student life has become—phones, voice mail, and Internet connections in every dorm room, and using his Midd Card with a computer chip to enter Proctor, do laundry, and buy books and Crest Room snacks. ✷ After receiving her brown belt in Tae Kwon Do in June, **Joan Molino Mortensen** began preparing to teach Taoism, Zen, and the Art of War, which will deal with the history of the martial arts. Her family vacationed on Cape Cod. ✷ Marte and **Dag Berntsen** have three offspring involved in skiing, including daughter Hedda, who is a senior at Middlebury. Hedda was "summer skiing at a glacier near Stryn in our western mountains with Middlebury student friend Jessica Reigle '00." Dag teaches and runs the counseling program at a junior high school. He and a former student are "testing an innovation for soccer that assures more accurate offside decisions. The system is called Offside Marker and consists of beams of lights situated on the opposite side of the assistant referee's position." Dag sends best wishes to everyone and would like Theo Slater to write to him. ✷ **Bob Dean**, part owner of a small company, reports that his company has been bought by a slightly larger company: "It was nice to have the affirmation of someone thinking we had created a company of value. The integration of the two companies has had a few rough spots, but has gone reasonably well." Son Mark is a sophomore at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, CA. Daughter Katie, a high school student, plays soccer and tennis. Bob's wife, Marcia, is enjoying consulting work.

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What a wonderful reunion weekend! One hundred seventeen members of our class, with many spouses and children, gathered for a warm, sunny (can this be Vermont?) weekend at the "new" New Dorms. (The same ones we called the New Dorms, but you wouldn't recognize them as such these days!) Among the most interesting and moving events at reunion: the Friday morning panel discussion, "The Roads We've Taken: A Class Conversation," and the Saturday morning memorial service for deceased classmates. The Friday discussion, moderated by **Mark Patinkin**, featured a panel of **Andy Gross, Dan Flanagan, Crystal Dornhoefer Gromer, Salley Heyward Knight**, and **Andy Jackson**. Thanks to Mark's nice touch as a moderator and a widely shared feeling of openness, many of the 70-plus classmates who attended also offered comments and reflections. There were some good laughs and a few tears, as well. **Crystal Dornhoefer Gromer** organized the Saturday morning service in memory of **Kent Nahm, Sam Shurgin, Hugh Davey, Mark Gromer, Nibs Nelson, Jim Cook, Rick Swacus, Gerry Francoeur, Pat Cadden Sherman, Steve Avey, Frank Eppich**, and **Todd Lovington**. Led by the Rev. **Mary Lee-Clark** (who also preached the sermon at Sunday morning services), the service opened with music provided by **Gretchen Amussen, Jane McGill Cooke**, and **Jane Peatling**. **Paul Phillips** closed the service with a moving rendition of "Old Friends," which he sang and played on guitar. Friday afternoon was devoted to golf, tennis, a canoe trip on Otter Creek, and a hike up Snake Mountain. It was a beautiful day, perfect for our needs. Dave Minot's son, Joshua (now 5, about 2 weeks of age at our last reunion!), described the hike this way: "It was a very long hike and we saw a chipmunk on the way. At the top, there was a foundation of a very old house with metal and pipes. We saw turkey vultures and hawks. We also saw the lake and the mountains. It was lots and lots of fun." Friday evening found us dining al fresco in the company of many of our former professors and faculty mentors. Following that, **Andy Jackson** gave a truly memorable swing dance lesson! Saturday morning's memorial service was followed by the traditional class photo and then

the march up the hill for Alumni Convocation in Mead Chapel. A solid contingent participated in the 5K run that afternoon and that evening we met on the terrace outside Ross (a new part of the "New Dorms") for drinks and socializing, followed by dinner in Ross. Most folks headed outside after dinner to continue their conversations, or went off to one of several dances being offered around the campus. Sunday morning included a chapel service and a sumptuous and scrumptious brunch at President McCardell's house. Throughout the morning, there were lingering farewells and regrets at not having had more time together, plus promises to keep in touch more regularly. It was interesting for me to reflect that I (**Barry Schultz King**) had made nearly identical good-byes just two doors further south on South Street 25 years earlier. Quite a few of our classmates returned to Middlebury for this reunion for the first time in 25 years, including three who graciously agreed to reflect on why they came back, their impressions of the College and our reunion, and special places they revisited. (1) **Randy Houser**: "I realized how long it had been since I'd been back and I wanted to see the people, so I got on a plane and came to the 25th. I visited Sig Ep, saw a cast bronze memorial to the house, went fishing in the East Middlebury River, climbed down to the canyon, and swam in the cold water. Drove around from Ripton to Lincoln, and sat on the patio at Proctor. I had a great time and I realized that I should have been back for others. I feel that Middlebury has changed. I was quite surprised to find a fully functioning bar in the old gym building, and I would not be surprised to hear of a Starbucks somewhere hidden in the bottom of the library. Proctor even has gourmet coffee. Some of this must help explain the current tuition, or is a reflection of current student attitudes. Somehow I feel our college experience was more spartan, although relative to the average 18- to 21-year-old Americans of our time, we had it easy too." (2) **Roger Bowman**: "My first adult friendships were made at Middlebury, and I shared a lot of important experiences with those friends. The two things that had kept me from returning to Middlebury earlier were the distance from my new homes and the apprehension that I wouldn't remember anyone—or they me. When the 25th Reunion found me living in DC, I thought it would be a great chance to put those apprehensions aside and try to reestablish some old ties. It was better than expected. It was easier to reconnect with people after 25 years than I'd feared. **Peter Harris** and I made a pilgrimage to return to the cliffs at Chapel Pond in the Adirondacks. It was a great day in a great place with a great friend. We had more trouble finding the cliff (did they move it?) than we did climbing the slabs to the summit. I also made a solo pilgrimage to the roof of SDU-C, a favorite vantage point for watching sunsets over the Adirondacks. Yes, the new science building does block the view west!" (3) **Carol Hatch Hutchinson**: "Returning to Middlebury for the first time in 25 years, I wasn't sure if I would feel like I belonged since I hadn't been in touch with anyone from the Class of '74 in all that time. I was motivated to make the trip by reading stories in the reunion yearbook and relating strongly to many classmates. I had a series of vivid dreams about the place and a need to connect to the landscape. Happily, I felt very welcomed by classmates, by the staff/college, and by Vermont—great weather! I was surprised to find that everyone looked the same, only better and more interesting to me. Highlights: Friday morning class conversation ("The Roads We've Taken") set the tone for open and heartfelt connections throughout the weekend. I made new friends with several people I hardly knew at all in '74. The hike up, and view from, Snake Mountain was another treat. (I was so happy there were other activities besides cocktails and fund-raising!) The best was singing in the choir directed by Emory Fanning (something I had regretted not doing as an undergrad). Blending voices with alums, feeling our combined talents, strength, and harmony, was an especially moving and healing experience for me that I will not soon forget." Obviously, not everyone made it to reunion. Some of our classmates said they had hoped to see **Stephanie Palmer, Sukai Prom-Jackson, Shylaja Paulose Rankin, Lenwood Cross, Julia Lara, Mary-Louise Romney-Schaab, Audrey Tinsley, Calvin Johnson, Stephanie Bowens**, and **James Williams**. Hope you will all check in and send us your news. And that goes for everyone else as well! We missed you. Please get in touch with us, at the addresses listed at the top of this column. The way time is flying by, our next reunion seems like it's just around the corner. The 25th was so wonderful, that you won't want to miss the 30th! Although the bulk of the credit for such a great weekend goes to the College (especially Glenna Emilo and her excellent staff), special thanks are also due to **Tim Etchells, Sheila Bamford Pulver**, and the rest of the Yearbook Committee, to our reunion social chairs **Kate Peterson Burr** and **Muddy Waters** and their committee, and to the Reunion Gift Committee and its chairs, **Charlie Jackson** and **Nancy Kolligian**. And thanks to all who participated. That's what really made it a wonderful event!

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Cristine Cioffi is the 1999 Business Woman of the Year, chosen by the Schenectady Business & Professional Women's Club. A resident of Niskayuna, NY, Christine is president of Carpenter & Cioffi Attorneys & Counselors at Law. ✷ **David Wolk**, superintendent of the Rutland (VT) City Schools, has been named to the UVM board of trustees. As director of Vermont LEAD Project at Castleton State College, David developed programs to help education administrators succeed. He also held the post of chief of policy for Gov. Howard Dean, who reports that David "has been innovative, opening the door to public school choice among the county's high schools. And he has been determined, creating programs designed to keep potential dropouts in school." David and wife Diane live in Mendon, VT. ✷ In 1976, **Max Eaton** founded Otter Creek Awnings with "two sawhorses, a sheet of plywood, and a couple of old sewing machines." Last February, an international company (with $1.5 billion in annual sales) bought the company. Max reports that the sale to Durasol Systems Inc. will preserve much of the company's autonomy and all of its 40 employees. Otter Creek will also continue to manufacture and market its products under its own trade name and its headquarters will remain on Exchange Street in Middlebury. "What we do will remain the same," he says. "We're just going to do a whole lot more of it." ✷ **Lisa Phillips**, who has been organizing art exhibits at the Whitney since 1977, is now the director at the New Museum of Contemporary Art in SoHo. According to the *New York Times*, Lisa "is known within the art world for her intelligence, her passion for contemporary art in all it manifestations—she curated more than 25 shows at the Whitney—and her keen eye for spotting emerging talent." Located at 583 Broadway, Lisa's aspiration is "to make sure the New Museum is a must-see stop on anyone's itinerary when in New York." ✷ Manchester, NH, resident **Martha Van Oot Gordon** has been selected to mediate disputes and arbitrate the dissolution of the 1994 merger of Elliot Hospital and Catholic Medical Center. Martha was most recently a director of Kinder, Mosseau and Gordon.

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Jeffrey Russian is the newly named chief planning and budget officer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, where he has served in various capacities since 1991. ✷ **Gary Moreau** joined the Libbey board of directors in 1996, a few months after he left Oneida to become CEO of toy train company Lionel L.L.C. Libbey has offered to buy Oneida and, according to a recent newspaper story, Gary "believes the companies would benefit from a merger because both are trying to become one-stop tabletop suppliers to retailers and food service establishments." ✷ **Ed Woodson**, a middle school teacher at Norfolk Academy in VA, moderated a community roundtable discussion at Middlebury during the 1999 Peace Symposium last April. The Symposium topic—"Speaking of Race"—featured several guest orators, panel discussions, and films. ✷ In January of 1999, **Rick Ridder** was named International Political Consultant of the Year by the American Assoc. of Political Consultants. The political consultant industry's equivalent to the Oscars, the award went to Rick for his work in consulting on six successful Heads of State campaigns in the last six years, and for his efforts as president of the International Assoc. of Political Consultants. Rick and wife Joannie, who is also his business partner, have three kids. They enjoy living and skiing in CO, where they live down the street from **Jill Cowperthwaite**. ✷ While in Boston and between depositions for a federal court case involving the cleanup of a major offshore hazardous waste site in CA, **Chris Mead** dropped in for a visit with Susan and **Jack Henderson** and family—Sarabeth (11), J.B. (9), James (3)—in Concord, MA. Chris is the sole practicing lawyer in the family, now that wife **Gail Robinson Mead** has retired from her law practice to become a full-time mom for Helen (9) and twins Cooper and Carson (6). Chris reported that the "left coast Midd Kidds"—**Bill Grant, Mark Gordon, Ely** and **Jill Robinson Haizlip, Rich Hodges, Chandler Lee, Larry Moulton, Halsted Wheeler**, etc.—are all still living and working in or around San Francisco and doing great! Chris also quelled the spurious and unfounded rumors that **Bob Pender** had joined the federal witness program and is in fact a partner in a DC area law firm and happily living in Falls Church, VA, with his wife and three daughters. ✷ **Jennifer Cogswell** was busy this summer, working on two movies. For *April V* (or *April Five*), she was "locking lighthouses on Cape Cod for an August shoot" (Surf N' Turf Films, NYC) and she was locations scout and manager for *The Blue Diner*, which was being shot in Boston. On June 4, she was logistics coordinator for Hillary Clinton's visit to announce

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NOT SO LAZY DAYS OF SUMMER

Follow the Tennessee River to where it bends around the verdant foothills of the Appalachian Ridge, splitting the city of Chattanooga in two, and you'll find yourself in Lookouts country. Lookouts as in: home runs, summer nights, hot dogs, and two camels named Larry and Lumpy (more on that later).

In 1995, J. Frank Burke '83 became part owner of one of the oldest teams in baseball, the Chattanooga Lookouts. As president and hands-on owner, Burke gets to boast of an office inside a ballpark, where he helps run the day-to-day operations of this minor league, double A team, which is affiliated with the Cincinnati Reds. Burke's somewhat dodgy experience as pitcher for the Middlebury baseball team ("I gave away a lot of really long home runs") have been part of a lifetime as a baseball fan. While attending Harvard Business School, Burke and his father attempted to buy a farm team near their family home in Maine. Even though that didn't pan out, the father and son had caught a bug. While continuing to look for another ball club to purchase, Burke and his partner Charlie Eshbach (who is the general manager of the Lookout's sister team in Portland, Maine) came across the Lookouts and thought, "The team has a lot of potential; it's in a nice community." Soon after, the Burke family—wife Susan (Meier) '82 and their three children—moved south to become a part of the Lookouts team.

During his time with the Lookouts, it has been Burke's goal to make a visit to his ballpark a memorable experience. First there are the camels. "When I first got here, we wanted to do something that would wake people up and let them know that there were new people here. So I leased two camels for the summer—Larry and Lumpy. We put them in center field during the games, wearing custom-made helmets." The camels proved such a success that Burke bought them at the end of the season.

Such zany promotional tactics are what define the colorful nature of minor league baseball, which is increasingly attracting larger numbers of people. Also attractive are the $4 tickets, smaller ballparks, and players willing to give a kid an autograph after the game, preferable to the big money, hardball attitudes of the major league. Owners like Burke are in tune with what the community wants.

"I try not to do anything that I would be embarrassed for my parents and kids to see. We do try and provide affordable entertainment for the entire family."

The Lookouts front office is also the home of Brad Smith '95, former shortstop for the Middlebury baseball team. He happened across an opening with the Lookouts team while at the career center on campus.

"I sent my resume to Frank and he hired me over the phone; my glamourous title was concessions intern." But Smith showed his mettle grilling hot dogs and managing condiments and has worked his way up to the more impressive title of director of public and media relations, as well as business manager. Part of Smith's job is to run the press box during home games, and handle interviews with the players. He's also in charge of music, "I am the booking agent for National Anthem singers. If someone is interested in singing, they can come down and I bring them out on the field for their audition. I've only had to turn down one person, because they didn't know the words."

There is one singer who makes an appearance every year—the Orange Yodeler. Known for donning Tennessee Football orange, the Yodeler warbles the "Star Spangled Anthem" in, what Smith describes as a "Tiny Tim-esque manner."

"He's become a fixture around town but we try and limit him to singing only once a season, and we try and keep him away from our busy Friday and Saturday nights."

Well, if the Orange Yodeler is lucky, he might get a chance to sing in the Lookout's new stadium, which is presently being built in downtown Chattanooga and will be the team's home come next season. With the help of community support, private funding, and a record-breaking season ticket drive, Burke and his staff will be moving into what he calls, "the prettiest ballpark in minor league baseball." The 6,000-seat stadium on a hill might not have been possible without Burke's dedication to keep his team a success. He even made an infomercial: "There is nothing quite like the experience of seeing an infomercial you've made running back to back with the psychic hotline. I'm just glad that the thigh master wasn't on afterward."

—*Caroline Fennessy* '95

a new endowment fund for City Year, "a nonprofit company with a Corps of kids 17-23 who serve their community for a year for a small stipend before going to college." When Hilary arrived at Faneuil Hall, Jen was "in charge of the entire location, press corps positions, police backup, Secret Service briefing, motorcade route, public crowd control, etc. etc. Fun gig to work on. White House Advance Team interesting and it was fun to meet her." When Jen did event coordinating for a June 17 fund-raiser, again for City Year, **Rebecca Kellogg** and her husband, **Kevin Dennis**, were on the host committee. "It was fun to see them and meet their kids, who helped set up this dinner and program for 525 people under a tent at a private home in Chestnut Hill."

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Alex Bernstein has been marveling lately at modern technology. She underwent LASIK treatment

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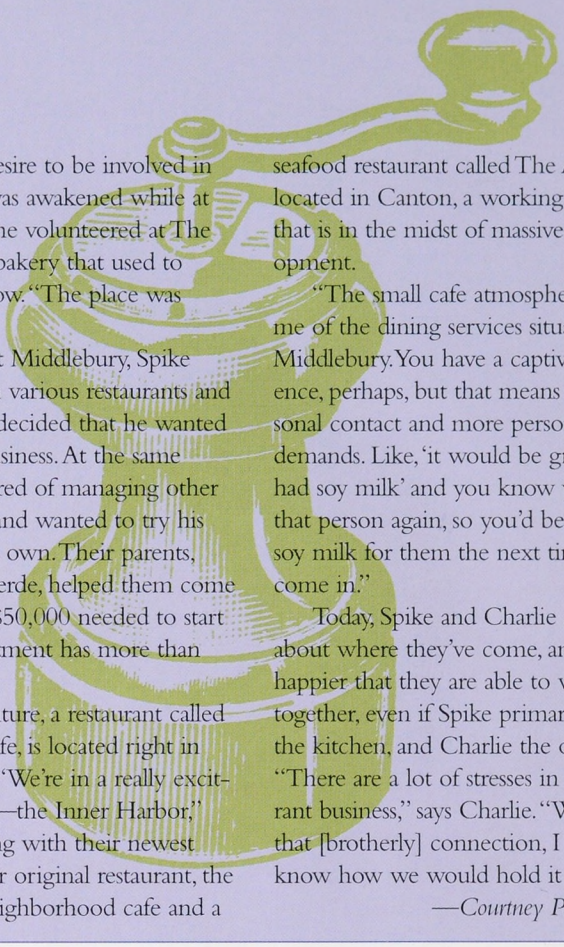
A TASTY LIFE ON THE STREETS



WHEN THEY WERE KIDS, David (Spike) Gjerde '85 and his brother Charlie loved to play at owning a restaurant. Today, they are still playing, but it's no longer make-believe. The two brothers recently opened their fourth restaurant in Baltimore, eight years after their first venture into the restaurant business with a bistro called Spike and Charlie's.

Spike and Charlie are unusual for several reasons, one of them being the profound affection they have for one another, despite their major differences of personality. Spike is a Midd alum and graduated with a Chinese and philosophy degree, while Charlie went to the University of Vermont and graduated in business. Spike is the artistic genius in a chef's hat; Charlie manages the financial labyrinth that the restaurant business entails. As a team, the two are restaurant magicians.

Spike says his desire to be involved in the food industry was awakened while at Middlebury when he volunteered at The Knave of Hearts, a bakery that used to reside in Frog Hollow. "The place was magical," he says.

After his time at Middlebury, Spike went on to work in various restaurants and patisseries, until he decided that he wanted to open his own business. At the same time, Charlie had tired of managing other people's businesses and wanted to try his hand at running his own. Their parents, David and Alice Gjerde, helped them come up with the initial $50,000 needed to start the bistro; the investment has more than paid off.

The newest venture, a restaurant called the Joy America Cafe, is located right in the heart of things. "We're in a really exciting part of the city—the Inner Harbor," Spike explains. Along with their newest acquisition and their original restaurant, the two run a casual neighborhood cafe and a seafood restaurant called The Atlantic, located in Canton, a working class area that is in the midst of massive redevelopment.

"The small cafe atmosphere reminds me of the dining services situation at Middlebury. You have a captive audience, perhaps, but that means more personal contact and more personal demands. Like, 'it would be great if you had soy milk' and you know you'll see that person again, so you'd better have soy milk for them the next time they come in."

Today, Spike and Charlie are happy about where they've come, and even happier that they are able to work together, even if Spike primarily inhabits the kitchen, and Charlie the office. "There are a lot of stresses in the restaurant business," says Charlie. "Without that [brotherly] connection, I don't know how we would hold it together."

—Courtney Palmbush '00

to correct her nearsightedness and is now free of glasses. She says it's wondrous to be able to enjoy the Hawaiian beaches and see for miles, even when she's in the water or walking in the rain. ✷ **George Carr** sees in a different way: with his art. Most recently, he's been working on commissions for Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston, based on his larger-than-life sculpture of female figures symbolizing a woman's lifespan. He has also been working on a 75,000-pound wall sculpture (an amazing 15 by 50 feet!) for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. Journey Films is following the story of the sculpture for WNET in New York, which plans to show the documentary on public television next spring. ✷ Finally, **Jay Heinrichs** sees a different part of the country these days. He left U.S. Airways *Attache* magazine and New Hampshire, packing up the family and moving to Santa Fe (12 Cerrado Dr., Santa Fe, NM 87505; jheinrichs@outsidemag.com), to take on new challenges as deputy editor of *Outside*, a national magazine for active, educated adults who love the outdoors and are concerned about its preservation. Jay will, once again, be working on an award-winning team; the magazine has won an unprecedented three National Magazine Awards in a row for general excellence, which he describes as "the Oscar for Best Pictures of the industry." While he misses the Northeast, he has a beautiful house facing the Jemez mountains and he finds "the skies mesmerizing, with rainbows every other day, clouds that seem very close—which they are, since we're at 7,000 feet." He hikes through terrain "ranging from stark desert to lush river valleys to red rock canyonland to Vermont-like pine forests above 10,000 feet." ✷ And now it's your turn. How do you see the world these days? Please drop Katie or Ginni a note, preferably before the end of this millennium (however you define it), and definitely before the end of the next.

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Marti Mayne gave a seminar last spring on the ABCs of effective resumé writing: "Don't Sell Yourself Short!" Marti has managed everything from large hotel grand openings to events for *USA TODAY*, ski areas, retail developers, and political campaigns. Her firm, Maynely Marketing, offers marketing programs for hospitality and retail clients throughout the country. ✷ **Ellen Hall Adams** brought her family to the 59th Annual Sugar Slalom at Stowe, a two-day family skiing competition in early April. Competing in different classes in the Sugar Slalom along with Ellen were husband Michael, son Cameron Brooks, brother-in-law Charlie, and niece Colby. Ellen told the *Stowe Reporter*: "We thought it would be an opportunity to get together and race. I wanted to beat my husband. He got me by five one-hundredths of a second." Captain of the women's ski team our senior year, Ellen claimed that participating in the Sugar Slalom was vastly different from racing on the Middlebury College ski team in the mid-1970s when it won the NCAA Championships for two consecutive years. Unfortunately the race course was hard and icy, due to a rainy day followed by a frigid night. Ellen "stood in the starting gate thinking, 'What in the world am I doing?' It was a humbling experience I'd have to say." Sounds like a good time was had by all—and niece Colby (10) won the J3 women's race.

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It may have rained on our graduation, but the weather gods more than made up for that slight with perfect weather for our 20th Reunion. Blue sky days made for great exploring of all Midd's new buildings, swimming at Lake Dunmore, and just hanging out together. One hundred and ten classmates made the trip—and with spouses, kids, and friends, we numbered 253. It was great seeing old friends and making new ones and discovering that while much has changed, the essentials remain the same. Dinner at President John McCardell's house got rave reviews. That's our second reunion in a row with the McCardells, so we hope this is

becoming a tradition! From dinner, we moved on to dancing at Johnson to the music of Mango Jam. As **Perry Babcock** reported, "Validating that we are all still able to boogie was the highlight for me. **Pat Durkin** still can't dance, and **Elibet (Moore Chase)** still has the best laugh. **Mike Parker**, alias Roy, won the receding hairline contest, and **Lisa Salisbury** had the best music!" We missed the people who didn't come and hope you'll make it to the 25th. **Sandra Buzz Buzby Whalen** reminded me that the women thought they'd aged better than the men, but then this column is being written by women. So, men of '79, get even and volunteer to be class secretary! And speaking of Buzz, it's great to have her back east, now that she's working as a counselor and coaching women's ice hockey at St. Paul's School in Concord, NH; her husband is director of sales and marketing at the *Manchester Union Leader*. She reports that son Casey (6) "can make a science experiment out of anything. He's turned our dining room into a science lab." ✷ Many people had not really been back to Middlebury since graduation, including **Nancy Grant**. Nancy lives in North Yarmouth, ME, with her husband of almost 20(!) years, son Oscar (15), and daughter Elise (13). She reports that, "contrary to what most people say, parenting teenagers is fun—most of the time." Nancy has worked as technology coordinator at Freeport High School for seven years. "It is not at all related to my major, but interesting and always a challenge." She spends a lot of time carting kids around or watching their activities, but says that since her children are older, she has time to play in field and ice hockey leagues. They all ski every chance they get, bike, and hike a lot. Nancy invites people to look her up if they're in the area. ✷ **Jennifer Cross Peterson** reminded me that the 20th Reunion means that people half our age are in college! And that a number of classmates have children heading off to college next fall. Jennifer lives in Weston, MA, with her husband, daughter Heather (14), who's into show jumping, and Erik (11), who's into computers, Nintendo, and drawing. Jennifer's business, School Seal, provides promotional items to schools, mostly prep schools and colleges. "I prepared for this by earning a master's degree in biology from Yale University!" She ran into **Sharon Flack Mussomeli** about a week after reunion. Sharon had flown in from Bahrain and was heading up to Middlebury to attend the Arabic summer school. ✷ **Mary Ann Preskul-Ricca** had a good excuse for not being there: she and husband Joe Ricca welcomed son Joseph Peter Ricca on April 27 in Shrewsbury, MA. Mary Ann is on leave from her position as public affairs coordinator for the MA Assoc. of HMOs. ✷ The Rev. **Mary Lee Krahn** has been installed as pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Mayville, NY. She has served as an assistant pastor of First Lutheran Church in Jamestown, NY, an interim pastor for St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Bemus Point and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Jamestown. She was also a pastoral care coordinator for Hospice of Chautauqua County. Mary lives in Jamestown with her two sons. ✷ **Chip** and Heather Vuillet '81 **Lende** finished fourth place over all out of 192 teams and first in their division (four-person mixed) of the Kluane to Chilkat International Bike Relay on the Haines Highway between Haines Junction, Yukon Territory, and their home in Haines, AK. Their team covered the scenic 160-mile course through the world's largest park in 7 hours and 53 minutes. Chip and Heather have been living in Haines since 1983. Chip owns the town lumber yard, has served on the city council for 10 years and—when he's not busy with his family—runs marathons, fly fishes, skates, skis, and bikes. This summer the Lendes adopted their fifth child, an eight-year-old Bulgarian girl. Chip says anyone who wants to ride in a great bike race should come on up. And if you're on an Alaskan Cruise, be sure to stop in—his lumber yard (Lutak Lumber) is right across the road from the tour ship dock. ✷ Our own **Asa Phillips** won reunion's top award, the Alumni Plaque, for outstanding service to Middlebury. We all got to salute Asa by pounding our Gamaliel Painter's canes on the Mead Chapel floor during Convocation. Middlebury has been giving out canes at graduation for a number of years and is now awarding them to alumni who come back for reunion. Another incentive to come back for the 25th! And all of us who were there for the 20th look forward to seeing you then.

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The 40th birthday of Donnie Roach '80 was a fine occasion for a pig roast in Topsfield, MA, on June 20, 1998, bringing together **Andy Nestler, Craig Franklin, Paul Scheufele, Donnie Roach, Sue Follett Panella, Frank DeLuca**, and **Eric Kemp**. ✷ **Andrew McColough** is now general manager and VP of print media sales for Adauction.com's new office in NYC. Andrew launched and managed magazine and book divisions for Time Inc. Magazines for the last 10 years, before which he held business manager positions with *Fortune* and *Life* magazines. Most recently, he was publisher of Time Inc.'s This Old House Books. ✷ **Kimberly Adams Klintworth** loves living in Salt Lake City, where she has co-anchored the afternoon and evening news on Channel 4 for 11 years. She is very active in the community, her primary commitment being to the YWCA and the Battered Women's Shelter, where she serves on the board of directors. Kimberly has a daughter, Katelyn (fifth grade) and a son, John (third grade); husband Skip Klintworth has two high-school-age daughters, Kelly and Brittany, who visit frequently from CA. As the longest-running anchor in Channel 4's history, Kimberly is in no hurry to step down. She thinks that the next 10 years will reveal how long women anchors stay on the air: "You can look great and be 50. I can think of a lot of women who are more beautiful at 50 than they were at 30." ✷ **Norma Mabry** (M.A. French '88) taught French at Phillips Andover Academy for 10 years and was an assistant prof. of languages at Merrimack College before joining Rye Country Day School as head of the department. Since Norma started a French exchange program in 1998 and a Spanish program in 1999, her department now engages in exchanges with students from Costa Rica, France, and Japan. ✷ **Mike Harris** is a lawyer at Sutherland, Collins, McMahon & Harris in Burlington, but he's also busy as co-chair of the Williston (VT) Conservation Commission. The Commission helps to protect some of the town's natural features from urban development, sometimes getting the money together to purchase development rights and enable farmers to keep their land in agriculture. Water quality is another issue that concerns the Conservation Commission. Mike, who lives in Williston with wife Robin and their three children, also manages to fit in home-brewing, gardening, biking, and cross-country skiing. ✷ Samuel Hanscom Burridge arrived on April 23. His parents are **Lewis** and Anne Bailey '83 **Burridge**, and he has two big sisters, Amanda and Allison. The Burridges live in Newburyport, MA.

A birthday pig roast (see 1980 column)

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Four Middlebury friends (see photo) are enjoying life in the San Diego area. **Alisa Joyce Barba** (ajbarba@home.com) recently resumed the pursuit of news with a new job as West Bureau Chief for NPR. She and husband David are also busy raising Maya (5), Patrick (4), and Gina (18 mos.). **Stephen Burke** works for Sony in San Diego, marketing teleconferencing and wireless communications. His spouse, **Cindy Murphy**, studies opera and helps direct the upbringing of sons Evan (7) and Liam (6). Lydia Thompson '82 continues her scholarly pursuits of Han Dynasty tomb art, while raising Anna (4) and Elena (6 mos.) with husband David Fox, a computer scholar at UCSD. ✷ In Gilford, NH, Hayden and **Ruth Turner McLaughlin** (mclaugh@inc-net.com) now have three children: Daniel (8), Grace (4), and Catherine Hayden McLaughlin (born October 14, 1998). Besides keeping three children busy, Ruth reports, "we are extremely busy keeping our landscape construction business running smoothly (www.belknapland-scape.com)." ✷ **Julie Olin-Ammentorp**, prof. of English at Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY, recently received the Matteo Ricci, S.J., Award for Achievement in Diversity. Julie was recognized for her efforts to develop strong bonds between students and faculty of different cultures at Le Moyne. She has also supported diversity by emphasizing the writings of minority writers in her teaching. ✷ **Katherine McCarthy** writes of "the joy of lasting friendship" in a recent Colonie, NY, newspaper column. Now communicating with friends via e-mail, she came across a stack of 20-year-old letters from Midd friends and now resolves to print out her messages so she will have that same pleasure in another 20 years. ✷ **David Levy** is president of his own real estate investment counseling firm and developer of a new software tool for the hotel and lodging industry. In his town of Lincoln, MA, he is an adviser to the board of assessors. ✷ **Barbara Burns Comstock** is on the Government Reform Committee. A Criminal defense and personal injury lawyer before signing on with the committee in 1995, she says her best preparation for the investigation's grueling demands has been parenting three children (15, 14, and 10). Being a mom has taught her to "juggle a lot balls at one time." ✷ **Heather Vuillet Lende** is still living in Haines, AK (pop.2,400), with husband Chip '79 and five chil-

dren, including a Bulgarian girl whom they are adopting. Besides her regular column, "We Alaskans," in the Anchorage *Daily News* Sunday magazine, Heather contributes to the electronic version of the *Christian Science Monitor*, and is an occasional commentator on AK for NPR's *Morning Edition*. For three summers she has been part of "West Coast Live," a San Francisco radio show's AK tour, and she writes features and obituaries for the Haines weekly paper, the *Chilkat Valley News*. In the fall, Heather coaches the Haines High cross-country teams (boys and girls). She says anyone coming through AK should look her up: "We've got lots of room and would to love to have company from back east."

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Seventeen years after graduation, three '82 friends met for breakfast at the Buckhorn truck stop off I-80 in Milesburg, PA. **Andrew Wilson** (senoramw@aol.com), asst. head at the Grier School, came to breakfast from Tyrone, PA, where he lives with wife Darcy and daughters Emily and Hope. **Andy Kleit** (ank1@psu.edu), an assoc. prof. of energy, environmental, and mineral economics at the PA State Univ., drove over from State College, where he lives with wife Susan and children Paul and Esther. **Brian Williams** (bwilliam@orion.valpo.edu), director of the Interlink Language Center at Valparaiso Univ. in IN, was en route to CT with wife Mary and children Hayley and Peter. Brian and Andy were roommates in Battell Center freshman year. Brian and Andrew were roommates in the Château sophomore year. ✷ **David Taylor** has been elected a partner in Seattle at Perkins Coie, the Pacific Northwest's largest law firm. Before joining Perkins Coie, he served as assistant U.S. attorney in the major frauds section of the U.S. attorney's office, criminal div., in Los Angeles and in Seattle. ✷ **Tom Ostler**, brother George Ostler, and a childhood neighbor have sugared together for 22 years in Hartford, VT. They make only 200 to 250 gallons of fancy syrup every spring at Scattered Maples, but they love doing it—on top of their other jobs. The whole neighborhood likes to stop by and enjoy the boiling sessions, which often extend until midnight. Tom says, "It's a rite of spring for me. It helps fund my other money-losing ventures, like selling Christmas trees, hay, natural beef, and wood products." Tom is a teacher at the Hartford Career and Technology Center. ✷ The Jazz Dance performance on June 12 at the Flynn Theatre in Burlington included "Ezekiel's Wheel," with music composed by **Philip Hamilton**, who was also a vocal performer. With his innovative style of singing and composing, Philip's musical style has been called "contemporary" and "cutting edge" by the *New York Times*. He has been a featured artist with the Pat Metheny Group at the Monteaux, San Sebastian, and Montreal Jazz Festivals, as well as Brazil's Globo-FM Music Festival and Japan's NHK Music Series. Philip composed the theme to the Emmy-award winning PBS series *Say Brother* and was the featured vocalist in the original motion picture soundtrack of *Harriet the Spy*. ✷ While in Atlanta for business, **Joe Weis** met up with **Rob Davis**, who seems to be happy working for PriceWaterhouseCooper. Joe also reports that **Andy Bennett** and wife Paula now have three children, including son Parker and daughters Sanders and (new addition) Harper. Andy continues to enjoy running Bennett Supply Company with his brother. ✷ **Betsy Currier Beacom** started a new part-time job last February, as a writer in the public affairs office at Southern CT State Univ. At her daughters' elementary school, Betsy writes and edits the bimonthly PTA newsletter, which last spring won the 1999 Children First in Connecticut Newsletter Award for her region's arm of the CT PTA. ✷ Still living on the Upper West Side, **Brett Summers** and wife Jane welcomed daughter Callie Elizabeth last December. Son Holden recently turned two. ✷ In Minneapolis, Deniz and **Larkin McPhee Perese** welcomed third child Lucas on March 9, right in the middle of the record-breaking snowfall of the season. An award-winning independent public television producer, Larkin is working on a new project about eating disorders. ✷ Thanks to everyone who has taken the time to share some news with us. Since it seems that many e-mail addresses have changed, please take a minute to forward yours to either MaryBeth or me. While you're at it, send us some news! For those of you without access to e-mail, write us a letter!

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Congratulations to **Hugh Coyle**, whose poem "Love or Nothing," has been selected for a Pushcart Award—meaning that out of about 4,000 nominees, his poem has been chosen as one of the final 50 to 60 stories and poems which will appear in the Pushcart Anthology for the year 2000. "Love or Nothing" appeared in the magazine *Art and Understanding* in November. ✷ Members of the Middlebury Alumni Lacrosse Club honored the memory of **Bruce Gevertz** by placing a notice in the '99 Vail Lacrosse Tournament Program, with a photo of him wearing a Middlebury shirt. ✷ Artist **Jane Ogden** taught a summer course in printmaking to children (6-11) at the Winged Arts Studio in Manchester, VT. Her course explored relief carving using rubber, wood, potato, and organic prints. ✷ **Rebecca Fox** was ordained as a minister of the Presbyterian Church in August. ✷ **Helen Hammond** works in the education office at the Boston Symphony Orchestra. She enjoys rowing on the Charles River. ✷ In Newburyport, MA, Lewis '80 and **Anne Bailey Burridge**, welcomed son Samuel Hanscom on April 23. Sam's sisters are Amanda and Allison.

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Well, the amazing Midd Class of '84 rallied strongly for our 15th Reunion over Memorial Day week-

PROFILE

THE PLAY'S THE THING

BRIAN SILBERMAN '89 wanted to act. When he couldn't get cast in any theatre productions while at Middlebury, he began writing his own plays. "I started writing my own stuff so I could get a part, and I soon discovered that I liked the writing aspect of theatre more than the acting." Silberman wrote a play for his senior English project, and directed it for his senior theatre project. Seven years later, the play opened Off-Broadway. "I remember I got a B on that play, but I'm not bitter," he laughs.

Silberman's laughter reveals the strain of hope latent in his work—the strain that allows him to probe dark subject matter and stay afloat. It comes in the form of epiphany for two characters wrestling with life's tangible and metaphorical monsters in a subway bathroom in *Sugar Down Billy Hoak* (his senior piece). It comes in the gut-wrenching humor of one of his most recently acclaimed works, *Manifest*, a theatrical/historical vaudeville about insurrection in the death camps of the Holocaust that won him the 1998 Clauder prize, among a slew of other laurels. (*Manifest* was produced by the Portland Stage Company as part of their 1999 mainstage season, and premiered in New York City this fall at the Stella Adler Theatre.)

"With every new play I learn more about myself as a playwright. Hopefully, I am growing as a writer, learning more about the craft and art of dramatic writing, becoming a more efficient, accomplished, imaginative, and daring storyteller." Currently Silberman is teaching screenwriting for a year at Southern Illinois University.

—Courtney Palmbush '00

end. With sunny weather in the 80s, Midd really rolled out the welcome wagon and our class set a new 15th Reunion gift participation level record. Coffrin Hall, our reunion HQ, has never seen such a fun gathering of friends, families, old roommates, etc. The current Middlebury students acting as "hosts" for all the reunion classes were very impressed by the Class of '84's ability to "rock" Coffrin Hall and "Party like it was 1999." We missed our social chair, **Kristen Gould Case**, but thanks goes to her for her organizing efforts. A few strong individual reunion performances must be mentioned: **Liz Hackett Robinson** put on a great show all weekend; **Jason Bacon**'s Range Rover died at Baba's (the old Lyon's Place); **Ed Schaefer** sampled some Otter Creek; PQ (**Paul Quinlan**) and **Jay Klein** won three bets on the back nine; **Chris Wall** didn't let the Big Dog eat; **Mason Wells** liquified on Friday and rebounded Saturday under supervision; **Rick Makin** learned how to flip a cup; **D'Arcy** zydeco-danced with his pants around his ankles; **David Spaidal** ran, booted, and still won the 5K race; **James Burke** blew in from CA; **Kevin Mahaney** flew in, and **Leslie Wright** came out of nowhere. Chi Psi had a mini-reunion with Buck, Draino, our trustee Mr. Know, Zehner, plus two from London, Jason and Dave, to name a few. **Phil Huffman**, **Jim Robinson**, and **Tom Kottler** are going to remedial volleyball camp; DVG brought her Seminole bag; **Doug Robotham** broke a Château window with a softball blast; **Anne Hambleton** danced like a crazy woman; **Rick Peterson** and **Liz Eppes Winton** came a-calling under the Hadley tent; while the **Tabah, Makin, Dewey**, and **Hackney** offspring will make a great co-ed soccer (or drawing) team some day. **Martin Beatty** closed down Up's on Sunday night, while **Marty Lanigan** listened to Midd NCAA LAX on the ride home. **Kathy Meek Lehner** gets an award for being the only person to send old class pics. Sorry if we missed other noteworthy reunion performances. Thanks to everyone who made the effort to come up to play in VT and make our Midd gathering so much fun. Also, thanks to all those who helped by donating to the Midd cause. For those who haven't seen the Natatorium, the new science center (Bicentennial Hall), or the new Kenyon Arena, maybe by our 20th Reunion a new Field House will be added to the lineup. Stay tuned. ✷ In other news, **Tom Kottler** ran the Boston Marathon in April as part of a 25-member team pledged to raise more than $140,000 for the Judge Baker Children's Center, a Harvard Medical School affiliate in Boston. ✷ Congratulations to **Mike Noonan**, who was inducted into the New England Soccer Hall of Fame on May 2. As men's soccer coach, he won

A truck stop reunion off I-80 (see 1982 column)

his third Ivy League title in four years at Brown last season. His career record in 10 seasons of coaching is 111-57-18.

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Class Secretary: *Dale Sailer (chicago_sailers@msn.com), 2237 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.*

Well it's less than a year away, folks. Our 15th Reunion and Middlebury's 200th birthday are quickly approaching—perhaps too quickly for some of us. Please be sure to start making plans to join us for a great time in the Green Mountains and get your very own Gamaliel Painter's cane. Don't be among the missing. ✷ **Spike Gjerde** and brother Charlie have taken over Joy America Cafe in the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, where they also have their original restaurant, Spike & Charlie's, as well as cafés in Bolton Hill, Atlantic, and Canton (with adjoining bakery). Spike and wife Amy live in Baltimore. ✷ With a master's in science from UNH and 10 years of work in the environmental field, **Denah Lohmann Toupin** is qualified to speak out about the dangers of having a power plant in her Dracut, MA, neighborhood. She appeared recently on the local cable access program, *Weekly Round Table,* to point out some problems that will befall the community if the 750-megawatt gas-fired power plant is built. ✷ **Stephanie Ullrich** and Michael Burke were married on July 25, 1998, in Chicago where they live. With a master's from the International Institute for Management Development in Lausanne, Switzerland, Stephanie is a health care strategy consultant in Chicago. Her husband is a senior product manager at Abbott Labs in Waukegan, IL. ✷ **Sean Cahill** received a Ph.D. in political science from the Univ. of MI, Ann Arbor, in August 1998. Having recently led the Lesbian and Gay Alliance of MA and the MA Human Services Coalition, Sean is now research and policy director at the Policy Institute of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force. ✷ Instead of teaching skiing last winter, John and **Cecelia Faulkner Soscia** became "students of parenting" with the birth of son Gavin on January 29. ✷ **Edith Furber Zhang** announces the birth of son Miles Bixby Zhang last February. "Of course we think he is the most adorable baby!" ✷ Rick and **Johanna Glover Wasylik** welcomed child number two, Nicholas, on April 29. Nicholas joins sister Charlotte (2) on the farm in Canada. ✷ **Charlie** and **Jane Harvey Curtis** have two children now. Sam is 2 1/2 and his new sister, Nancy McLanahan Curtis, arrived on May 14. ✷ **Lissa Briggs Gosiger** (geesegang@aol.com) e-mails that child number three arrived on June 24. Sam joins siblings Paul (4) and Maggie (2) and dad Paul at the family's new residence in Cincinnati, just a few short blocks from the old one. ✷ Your secretary recently attended a work conference in Boston only to find none other than **Rod Fox** as one of the principle speakers. Rod is the president and chief operating officer of E.W. Blanch, a highly respected, long-time player in the greater insurance industry. Rod and wife Darby continue to live in the Dallas area with their large clan. Rod reports that **Andy Bustillo** and **Rob Bredahl** are also on the Blanch payroll and doing just fine. ✷ Finally, I was delighted to pick up my *Chicago Tribune* on a recent Sunday morning and see our own **Jon Starrett** quoted regarding this year's All-Star selections. Jon is the marketing director for the Chicago Indians and appeared to take a special delight at the Indians

Middlebury friends in San Diego (see 1981 column)

fans' loyalty to their local heroes at the expense of Texas's Juan Gonzalez.

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Class Secretaries: *Mary Sue Holland (msueholllnd@aol.com), 65 W. 96 St., #17D, New York, NY 10025; and Julie Morris Ogden (ogdens@avonoldfarms.com), 500 Old Farms Rd., Avon, CT 06001.*

Torsten Garber (torstengarber@hotmail.com) was "temporarily assigned to the NATO Air Ops Center in Vincenza, Italy, from 03 June to 15 July." Drop him an e-mail note. ✷ **Rebecca Gilman** is the author of *Spinning Into Butter*, her second play "to make waves in the Chicago area in as many years and one of the more explosive dramas to come our way in some time" (in the words of the *Chicago Tribune*). Set in "a VT college," she says she "was writing about ways in which white people objectify people of color, whether to denigrate or idealize them." She says she's "trying to find a balance between being realistic about what I think might be a potential cure and not wanting to be so didactic I turn people off." Her other plays include *The Glory of Living*, about the youngest woman to serve time on Death Row (1996), and *The Crime of the Century*, about mass killer Richard Speck, to premiere next season, along with *Boy Meets Girl*, about a NYC woman whose blind date becomes a stalker. ✷ **Charlotte Lindsay** (charburger@yahoo.com) is enjoying her sixth year of teaching French and Spanish at Golden High School in CO. "In 1996, I finally finished my M.A. in Spanish at the Middlebury Spanish program. It was a lot of fun to be on the campus in the summer. Last summer, I was in Paris taking classes to keep my teaching certificate current. It was an exciting time to be there, with the World Cup and Bastille Day. I am the proud owner of a mortgage and a home with a guest room here in Golden, if anyone comes through!" ✷ **Kathy Donohue-de Souza** (desouza@batelnet.bs) writes, "Our family has just grown with the addition of Paul Joseph on March 13, 1999. Paul and his sister, Meghan (3), are enjoying living in the Bahamas. We have been here for almost three years now. My husband and I are both physicians at the only private hospital in the Bahamas, Doctors Hospital. I have been working here ever since finishing my residency training in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in NYC, where I was resident. My husband, Pablo, is an anesthesiologist. We don't get many Middlebury visitors here, but our door is always open!" ✷ **Tim Jaeger** was recently appointed the athletic director at Episcopal High School in Alexandria, VA. He reports that **John Hersperger** is an attorney in Morristown, NJ. ✷ **Thomas Robertson** has been named a

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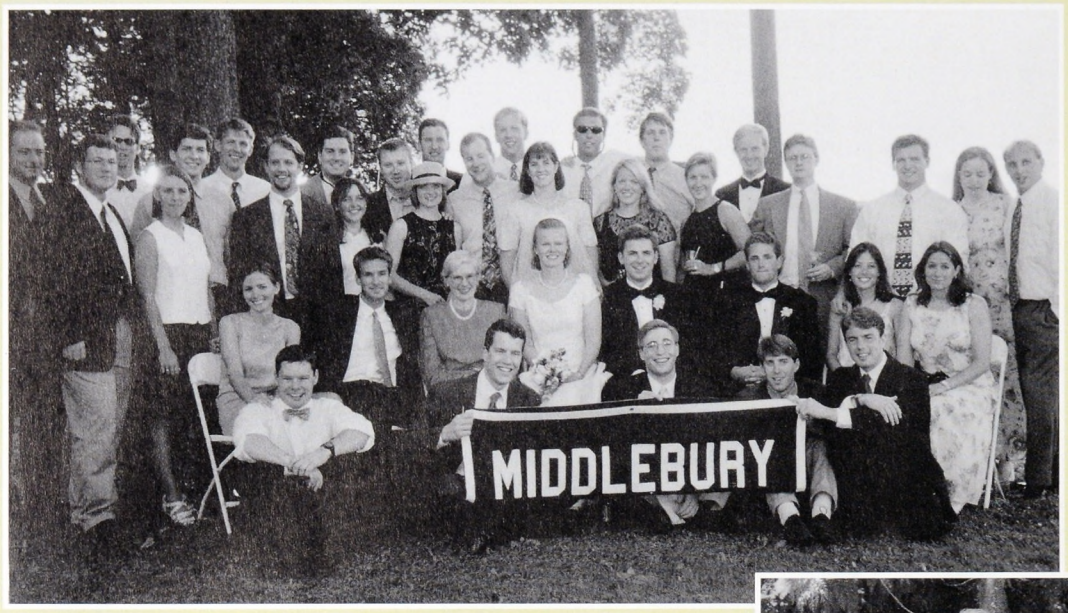

▲ Unfurling the banner at Shelburne Farms following the August 8, 1998, marriage of Barbie Atwood and Alex Cobb '95 were (front) Drew Hayes '95, Peter Polson '95, Greg Boosin '94, Steve Reale '94, Ryan Benedict '95, (second row) Ann Amstutz '96, Andy Roebuck '95, Doris Nagel Sullivan (Bread Loaf '69), the newlyweds, Andy Cobb '02, Heather Fremgen Smith '95, Jen Kahn Hamilton '96, (standing) Tyler Lincoln '96, Jud Bartlett '95, Andy Enright '95, Karen Engler Bartlett '95, J.J. Gilmartin '92, Matt Baker '97, Wright Frank '95, Bob Labick '93, Liz Siris '95, Jeff Pare '95, Lesley Tucker '95, Ray Strong '91, Dan Haley '95, Jon Hanlon '93, Christine Waasdorp '94, Matt Hamilton '95, Kara Sweeney '95, Dudley Winthrop '94, Gloria Ehrenberg '95, Ryan Jennings '93, Steve Quinn '91, Ian Smith '96, Meghan Kilroy '95, and Dave "Chowda" Erickson #25 '96. The newlyweds are both at Harvard, Barbie working on a master's in liberal studies and Alex an MBA.

▼ Noëlle Bujold '88 and Quinn Pollock '90 were married on March 5 in an on-snow ceremony, followed by a full day of skiing at Lost Lake in Whistler, British Columbia. The bride wore her veil and flowers duct-taped to her ski helmet, of course. Joe Bujold '60, father of the bride, displays an antique Middlebury banner with the newlyweds.

▶ The marriage of Lucie Ide '97 and Humberto Garcia Sjögrim '96 took place on March 20, with a Mead Chapel cake being enjoyed by Anne Pomeroy '97, Scott Davis '97, Kathy Garcia-Sjögrim '00, the newlyweds, Sandro Wulff '95, Javier Marin-Alvarado, Amil Ramanaden '97, (back) Natasha Causton '96, Isabelle Ortega '94, Jordan Gudebski '95, Maria Marin-Alvarado, Glyn Trevillion '93, Leah Schaeffer '99, Andres Fontao '96, Craig Hanson '03, Ann Hanson, John Hanson, Matt Hanson, Jim Rubright, Kathy Rubright, Agnes Tarashev, Riikka Pakkala '95, and Nikola Tarashev '96.

◀ Middlebury was well represented at the August 8, 1998, marriage of Lauren Appel '97 and David Curry '96. With them were (front row) Jennifer Burrell '97, the newlyweds, Tim Curry '93, (second row) Shenna Bellows '97, Zac Stillerman '97, Amanda Shoemaker '97, Emily Onasch '97, Jen Gelb '97, Karen Lewis '97, Justin Elicker '97, Sue Ingersoll Clough '65, John Clough '63, (third row) Christina Morss '97, Liz Ganschow '97, Amy Flanders '97, Alyson Cucci '98, (fourth row) Dave Wolman '96, Scott Morgan '96, Jason Dimmig '96, Jeff Rea '97, Gabi Belfort '96, Petra Stuehmeier '96, Matt Leidecker '96, Stu Williamson '97, John Felton '99, Doug Griffith '96, Alex Kloman Southworth (M.A. English '92), Peter Southworth (M.A. English '92), and Chris Noll (M.A. English '87). The newlyweds are living in Jackson Hole, WY,

▶ Meredith King '94 and Matthew Riordan '93 celebrated their August 8, 1998, marriage in Chicago with Mike Mannozzi '93, Manny Montes '93, the newlyweds, Jen Poinier Ballinger '91, Crystal Reitsma '95, Evie Holley '94, and Jenny Peterson '94. The wedding took place at North Park Univ., where Meredith is a development associate. Matt is a computer technician at the Univ. of Chicago.

◀ The Sleeper put in an appearance at Sugarloaf/USA in Maine, following the July 31 marriage of Kate Webber '94 and Samuel Punderson. Overcome by the heat were Peter N. Webber Jr. '93, Peter N. Webber Sr. '57, Suzi M. Webber '88, the newlyweds, Frank Punderson '55, Sue Heyer Byers '55, (second row) Sally Keefe '93, Chris "Flash" Clark '92, Bruce Byers '55, Jill Madden '87, Martha Punderson Graf '85, Ingrid Punderson '88, Woody Jackson '70, Colin Leonard '92, Kadie Falso Leonard '94, Patricia Judah Palmer '57, Charles Palmer '57, (third row) David Graf '85, Chris Riley Willcox '94, (fourth row) Karen Engler Bartlett '95, Judson Bartlett '95, Booth Hodde '94, John Anderson '94, Kirsten Morbeck '94, George Putnam '94, Amy L. Hansen '94, Naomi Moskowitz Hodde '94, Porter Fox '94, Mike Thompson '94, (back row) Jeremy Hertzig '94, Christopher Marshall '94, Mike Hussey '99, Critter Thompson '94, Aaron Ambuske '94, Barney Hodges '91, and John Ogden '89.

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◀ Courtney McDonnell '89 and Gene Visco got a lift from their friends following their marriage on May 23, 1998, in Garden City, NY. Hoisting the newlyweds are Wendy McDonnell Hale '88, Alison Steele Carrier '89, Paige Pierson '89, Alison Evans Ney '89, Lucy Henderson '89, Gabriela Artavia '89, Andrea Salzman '89, Michael Choi '89, Tom Nuovo '85, John Mackin '89, Chris O'Brien '89, and MaryBeth Comerci Nuovo '89. The newlyweds live in L.A., where Courtney is an executive at a film production company, A Band Apart.

▶ Celebrating the August 1, 1998, marriage of Tizz (Elizabeth) Strachan '90 and Scott Miller in Sun Valley, ID, were Pam Adelman '90, Steph Cooper '90, the newlyweds, Nicky Biddle '86, Betsy Winchester '90, Jill Skovron '90, Edith Iler '87, (second row) Bud Liddell '91, Mark Maxwell '90, Katie Ray '89, Damon Webber '90, Joe Brown '90, Kristen Peterjohn Brown '90, Nonie Dorschel '90, Suzanne Carlson '90, Kelly Smith Feldman '90, Richard Feldman '91, Skye Garrett Ryon '90, YoungHae Chu '90, and Tom Dabney '93. Scott is a furniture maker and Tizz teaches high school government and history at the Wood River High School in Hailey, ID.

◀ Mary McKelvey '90 and Chris Bercaw were married on July 18, 1998. Celebrating with them in Minneapolis were Aradhana Kumar, Karan Capoor '90, the newlyweds, Phil Oldham '90, Lovisa Johnsson '90, and Kim Bradley '90. In July 1999, the newlyweds moved to Europe, where Chris will continue practicing international corporate law with Dorsey & Whitney, LLP, in Brussels, Belgium. Mary may continue teaching English as a Second Language and will be hosting visitors for two or three years.

◀ No question about it, the bridegroom was riding on air following the marriage of Marjorie Tyndall '91 and Florentine Hoelker on September 26, 1998. Friends and levitators gathering in Evanston, IL, included Anne Schott '92, Liz Hopper '91, Melissa Menta '91, Judy Levenson '91, Chris Munion '91, and the happy couple, now living in Chicago.

▶The October 24, 1998, gathering in Washington, DC, for the marriage of Jeannie Nelson and Viraj Mirani '92 included Mary-Beth Marcotte '92, Nick Tcherepnin '92, Cynthia Brown '92, Sandy Palmer '92, the newlyweds, (back) Brian Schilling '92, Elizabeth and John Zehner '87, Sara Weale '92, Chris Faranetta, and Janine Rubitski '92. The newlyweds live in Vienna, VA, while Viraj works at St. Maxens & Co., an international trade consulting firm, and Jeannie works in child psychiatry at the National Institutes of Health.

▼ The June 12 marriage of Mary Hogan and Paul Wilcox '91 took place in Parsippany, NJ. On hand for the festivities were (front) Mark Wilcox '86, the newlyweds, Grace Garcia Lessing '91, Andrew Peach '91, (back) John Dahl '91, Elizabeth Wilcox Snow '89, James Wilcox '93, Bob Anderson '91, Anthony Storm '91, Robert Martin '52, Mark Galiette '79, Laurie Schaecher, and Dennis Schaecher '91. Living in NYC, Paul is a product manager for Member-Works Inc. and Mary is an editor of children's books at Disney.

partner in McCarter & English LLP, NJ's oldest and largest law firm. He and wife Pamela live in Summit, NJ, with children Meredith and William. ✷ **Christine Langlois** married Douglas Herrick in April on the beach in Maine. ✷ Middlebury-ites gathered in Wethersfield, CT, on May 22 to celebrate the marriage of **Laura Gworek** and John King. Among the guests toasting the happy couple: **Mary Sue Holland Dehn, Jennifer Lawrence Horan, Deborah Vehse Lund, Christine Langlois, Cathy Perillo, Betsy Thompson Serlemitsos** (who came all the way from Africa), **Kristin Roberts Asbury, Melissa Marquardt**, Karen Belinski '87, **Bill Leeson**, and Heather Karlson '87. Laura and John have moved to Sacramento, CA, where John works in sales for Prestone.

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Don Hindman (ddh@clarkfoodservice.com) lives in suburban Chicago with wife Maron and children Charlie (3) and Hadley (10 mos.). Don says he is "very happy to have quit practicing law to join the family distribution business, which is much more fulfilling than trying to beat someone's brains in day in and day out! I stay in touch with lots of Midd alums, like **John Aymar** and **Clifton Romig**, through the recently established Dissipated 8 Alumni Association. We are starting to plan the D-8's 50th Anniversary Reunion for Homecoming 2002!" ✷ **Lynn Feldpausch Zipf** celebrated her 35th birthday by running the Burlington, VT, marathon in great time, much to the delight of her children Elizabeth (3 1/2) and Matthew (2). ✷ Living in Brighton, MA, **Christine McCrorey** is finishing a master's in public administration. ✷ **Sharon Fray-Witzer** is practicing law on her own in Boston. ✷ **Ramiro Prudencio** (ramiro_prudencio@bm.com) sends greetings from Brazil. "As of January, I am living in Sao Paulo, after having spent nearly five years in Chile. Sao Paulo is a long, long way from Middlebury. With nearly 20 million people, this is the third largest city in the world. As for Brazil, it is a wild, fun, beautiful place. No one I can report on from here and do not know if any classmates or Midd alums are in Brazil. **Laura Mullahy** returned to the U.S. from Chile and is living in Boston. Would love to catch up with any Midd kids visiting Brazil." ✷ **Isabel Abislaiman** writes: "After five years of federal civil rights litigation and a very brief solo period, I started in the labor and employment div. of Axtmayer Adsuar Muniz & Goyco, a medium-sized corporate law firm here in San Juan." Her e-mail address is iabislaiman@aamg.org." ✷ **Lisa Preston Bailey** is "still in Honolulu, teaching Spanish, enjoying Paradise—and I especially love spending time with Natasha (3). **Heather Gaudreau Lum** and I took our students to Russia in June. We had a wonderful time, but it will likely be our last trip as Iolani School has discontinued the Russian program." ✷ Recently named product manager for Hammermill Premiums, **Scott Stone** is based in East Granby, CT. He was previously a manager for the Springhill and Carolina brands of International Paper. ✷ A specialist in plastic and reconstructive hand surgery, Dr. **Kimberley Lloyd O'Sullivan** has had international assignments involving reconstructive hand surgery and pediatric hand and cleft lip surgery. ✷ Fully embracing the international school lifestyle, **David** and Sheryl Cole '89 **Stearns** (dstearns@nist.ac.th) are moving on from Zambia to a UN-related school in Bangkok, Thailand. "We will be in Bangkok after August. David will be teaching history and business and organizational management at the New International School of Bangkok, and I will be studying for a master's in education through Bath Univ. (UK) and doing ESL training." ✷ **Jacques Heim**, who founded Diavolo Dance Theatre in Los Angeles in 1992, was recently named one of the 100 Coolest People in L.A. by *Buzz* magazine. A prof. at UCLA teaching intensive movement for actors, Jacques is also in residence at CA State Univ. at L.A., teaching improvisational movement. ✷ Since lack of appropriate attire is a major obstacle for people trying to get off welfare and into the work force, **Ann Christie Gusiff** started Clothes The Deal in 1995 in her garage, dispersing 4,000 items of clothing to about 800 recipients in the first year. Four years later, nearly 50,000 suits, dresses, ties, and shoes have gone to about 10,000 needy job candidates. Ann recently stepped away from day-to-day operations, but she remains active as chair of the executive board. ✷ Steve and **Kate Felstiner Lowe** were married in October 1998. They have had an extended honeymoon, since Steve's job in trading precious metals took them to London right after their wedding. Kate is working in an advertising firm. ✷ It was a Valentine's Day wedding for Angela Nielsen and **Tim Kaliban**. Tim is an assistant VP of client support with Equifax Inc. in Tampa, FL; Angela is pursuing a degree at DePaul Univ. in Chicago. ✷ Elizabeth Starr and **Joseph Hassett** were married on May 15 at Canisius College, where Joe received his MBA. He is general manager of Buerk Tool and Machine Corp. in Buffalo, while Elizabeth works for the YWCA. ✷ Bruce and **Sharon Ballard Richardson** welcomed daughter Hannah on January 4. She joins sister Lindsay (3 1/2). The Richardsons live in Charleston, SC, where Sharon works in land preservation. "In the last three years, I worked with landowners who have voluntarily protected over 10,000 acres of land in coastal SC." ✷ Lee and **Marty Ulrich Dayton** announce the birth of son Nicholas Everett Dayton on March 5, 1999. They live in San Francisco, where Marty works for Power Bar. ✷ Daughter Chiara Genieve Evans joined **Sally Evans** and husband Matthias Stopfkuchen-Evans on May 30. They live in Munich, Germany, where Sally is on maternity leave from the Bertelsmann Music Group, a unit of BMG Entertainment. Sally welcomes e-mail messages from friends at 101716.2207@compuserve.com. ✷ **Doug Fischer** and wife Janine were joined by daughter Sydney Patricia on June 22. Sydney's sister, Alexandra, is 2 1/2. Doug has been an attorney with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in NYC for nine years. The focus of his work is on legal issues relating to the cleanup of toxic waste sites in NY and the Caribbean. ✷ After graduating from Harvard Business School this spring, **Carolin Pu Archibald** and husband Tim '88 moved into their newly renovated house in Cambridge, MA—just in time to welcome first child Logan Fan-Shen Archibald on July 24. Carolin started work at Boston Consulting Group this fall. ✷ On June 13, Vicki and **Scott Langerman** welcomed daughter Jennifer Elizabeth to the family. She joins big brother Jack.

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Roberta Sengelmann-Keshen (rsengel@imgate.wustl.edu) writes: "I'm still practicing and teaching dermatologic surgery at Washington Univ. School of Medicine/Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, MO, and loving it! I'm still commuting to see my husband (Tamir Keshen UVA '89) on weekends, as he finishes his general surgery residency at the Univ. of IA. Visited **Emilie Riggs-Laurent** in November in Paris. She has three adorable kids now." Roberta recently reminisced with **John Goebel** at a Midd gathering with Pres. McCardell held at the home of John's parents. ✷ The Middlebury sweatshirt made its appearance on the May 7 episode of *Nash Bridges*. **Shawn Ryan** (mfkidd@aol.com), executive story editor on the show, wrote in May: "For those of us familiar with the ubiquitous Midd sweatshirts, it will be very recognizable; for others, I'm not sure if you'll be able to read the entire 'Middlebury' due to crinkles. I'm currently on hiatus on *Nash*, and have a few weeks off before I go back for my third season on the show. I'm also writing a pilot for Fox and writing an independent short film that a friend is going to direct in Kansas in September. So after being unemployed for five years, things are good for me at the moment." ✷ **Dina Wolkoff**, an administrative assistant in Minneapolis, did construction work and tutored children in Metcalfe, MS, for a week last March. As part of a Global Volunteers team, she helped to construct a performance stage for a city park, tutored kids, wired telephone lines, planted flowers, and painted street signs. "Working with the children brought me joy daily," she reports, and she found the local people "fun, open, casual, easy to be with." ✷ **Bill Warren** has been elevated to partner at Jones & Askew, LLP, in Atlanta. With extensive experience in patenting of biomedical inventions, he belongs to the firm's biomedical and chemical technology group. He has his M.S. in molecular genetics (GA State Univ.), as well as an MBA (Emory). Bill and wife Margaret (Gibbs) '89 are Atlanta residents. ✷ **Brian Foss** recently started his own construction company in Jackson Hole, WY, where he has been since 1990. He also completed building his own home. ✷ Daughter Caroline arrived to parents **Chris** and **Kristin Crowder Dollase** on February 5. Her godfather is **George Ritchie**. ✷ **Katherine Grubbs** is living in northern VA, where husband Gerald Donovan is a psychiatrist at the Marine Base in Quantico, VA. Daughter Courtney (3 in June) was joined by brother Daniel in March. Katherine is working on a dissertation on strategies for teaching writing at the college level. ✷ Susie and **John Walker** report the arrival of third child Ella in June '98. "Our house is certainly full and noisy, with Jackson (5), Addy (2), and Ella. And I started a business in December, called e-walker. It's Web design and on-line marketing." John and crew live in Lancaster, PA, and can be reached at jwalker@e-walker.com. ✷ **Michael** and Carolyn Haviland (M.A. English '98) **Obel-Omia** wrote to share their joy at the birth of son Jackson Campbell Obel-Omia on June 20 in Boston. ✷ **Tim** and Carolin Pu '87 **Archibald** are living in their newly renovated home in Cambridge, MA, with son Logan Fan-Shen Archibald, who was born on July 24. Tim had six weeks of paternity leave from Kao Design Group in Somerville. He reports that **Mike**

Dow and wife Katherine welcomed a daughter, Natalie, in February. They live in Portland, ME, where Mike owns his own business in computer consulting. ✷ Esra Ansay and **Clark Munnell** were married on April 23 at the Essex House in NYC. Clark is VP in private client services at Goldman, Sachs, and he is also the founder of Patch the Apple, a NYC fund-raising group supporting neighborhood volunteer organizations. ✷ **Noëlle Bujold** and Quinn Pollock '90 were married March 5 at Lost Lake in Whistler, British Columbia. Their on-snow ceremony was followed by a full day of skiing—complete with the bride wearing a veil and flowers duct-taped to her ski helmet. (See photo.) Now living in Arlington, VA, Noëlle recently completed an assignment on VP Gore's National Security Staff and has returned to CIA Headquarters, where she is senior duty officer in the operations center. Quinn (qpollock@aol.com) is a veterinary pharmaceutical rep for J.A. Webster. ✷ On June 19, Amanda Marcantonio and **Michael Reynal** were married in Southport, CT. Michael got his MBA from Dartmouth last spring and became VP managing emerging-market portfolios at Wafra Investment Advisory Services in NYC.

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Many thanks to all of you '89ers who made the trek to Bread Loaf for our 10th Reunion. The weekend could not have been better! Scores of our classmates took advantage of the beautiful weather and got the most out of the return to VT. Between the Friday night festivities, Saturday's College-sponsored events, the rockin' band on Saturday night, and the extra day due to the holiday weekend, those of us who attended found out that we're not as young as we used to be! Our class won the Parton Family Award, presented to the reunion class before the 25th with the greatest increase in participation. Many thanks to the College for putting on quite a show. But most of all, thanks to all of you who came back to Midd. For those of you who missed out, it's only four and a half years 'till our 15th! ✷ **Hayden Cutler** and family made the trek to reunion. Hayden runs a stone and marble importing business in VA. ✷ **Phil "Zack" Conner** was also there. Zack and family just moved to NJ, where Zack is the director of the Prudential Real Estate publishing unit. ✷ **Kirsten Ritzau** made the effort to come all the way from Ketchum, ID. Kirsten sells real estate in Ketchum. ✷ Kudos to **Reid Payne** for coming all the way from London, England. Reid is the executive director of StreetFeat, a theatre company whose primary goal is to produce theatre in public spaces. Reid recently oversaw the Carnaby Street production of *Waiting for Godot*. ✷ Congrats to newlyweds **Janelle Moburg** and **Jay Leonard**, who tied the knot weeks before the reunion. ✷ Congrats also to Shelly and **Graham Goldsmith**, who braved the wilds of Vermont and then welcomed second daughter Lily Oliver on July 8. ✷ **Meg Beeman** was in rare form on the dance floor during reunion, making the most out of her cross-country visit from San Francisco. Joining Meg from the Left Coast were **Karl Mayer, Stu Maeder**, and **Maureen Watson**. ✷ **Ivar Henningson**, who recently graduated from Babson with his MBA, was also in attendance. Ivar is busy preparing for the 2000 Eco-Challenge, teaming up with the Spanish Team, "Sin Dulces," and hoping to help it repeat its top 10 finish from 1999. ✷ **Ernie Stone**, who also made the trip, runs his own law practice in Hamilton, MA. Ernie is very active in local community events, and he was named "1999 Can Man" for leading a recycling effort which raised over $11,000 for the Hamilton-Wenham Little League. ✷ Seattlelites who made the trek to Bread Loaf included **Susanne Ecker, Sue Haviland, Anne Cavendar**, Cathy and **Jeff Somers, Scott** and **Kris Canfield McBurney**, and **Adam Ross**. Anne will soon find herself working in Beijing; Sue and Susanne teach in Seattle; Jeff is a marketing manager in the music division at Amazon.com; Jeff and Cathy just had their second child, daughter Audrey. ✷ **KC Koch Reeves** sent her best wishes from Bethesda, MD, where she is on leave from Arthur Andersen with her second child, Sam, born on tax day. ✷ Bonnie and **Keith Pennell** brought the newest addition to their family, daughter Lucy, to reunion. They recently moved from NYC to Saddle River, NJ. ✷ **Troy Haynie**, who teaches at St. Luke's in New Canaan, planned to enjoy working at a camp over the summer. ✷ **Tom Gleason** has started his residency in the cardiothoracic program at UPenn Medical Center. ✷ **Richard Morse** is living in New Haven, CT, having spent several years with the NOLS programs. He's planning to apply his NOLS experience to corporate development/organizational behavior consulting. ✷ Gregory and **Laura Andrews Alberton** have left their posts in orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Clinic and moved to San Francisco. ✷ **Craig** and **Karen Lane Anderson** recently moved from MI to Charleston, SC. Karen is an outpatient Physical Therapist at the Medical Univ. of SC, and Craig is a marketing director with Hill-Rom's long-term care division. ✷ **Nicole Zungoli** lives outside Philadelphia, PA, with her husband and two children. ✷ **Mark Dimond** is a senior VP at First USA Partners, where he is busy seeking Internet partners for the First USA credit card brand. Mark and wife Carrie are proud homeowners in Ashland, MA. ✷ **Marci Griffith** is a principal with Fallon Hines & O'Connor's Investment Services Group in Boston. According to a recent profile in *Banker & Tradesman*, she likes deciphering a building's worth and conveying that knowledge to investors. Her sisters, Karen Griffith '90 and Kimberly Griffith Hyland '93, sell stocks and equity investments to institutional investors. ✷ Five friends gathered from all parts of the country last March for a mini-Midd reunion in the San Juan Islands of WA state: **Kristen Lindquist** from ME, **Margie McGinnis** from MA, **Sarah Hower** from CO, **Julia Morse** from WA, and **Cindy Wasser** from VA. Cindy (grampus@erols.com) writes: "We had a great visit, and hiked, hot-tubbed, painted, feasted, and generally relaxed. Hard to believe it's been 10 years since we all graduated!" ✷ **Laura Andrews Alberton** (lalberton@pacbell.net) moved to San Francisco in July for a fellowship in orthopedic surgery. "The summer has been cooler than MN—I hope the winter isn't. Looking forward to seeing some Midd friends here." ✷ **Michael Cohen** has opened a law office in Cumberland, MD, where he lives with wife Moriah. ✷ While working on an M.A. in education through Bath Univ. (UK), **Sheryl Cole Stearns** (stearns@zamnet.zm) is doing ESL training in Bangkok, Thailand. For more news of Sheryl and David '87, please turn to 1987. ✷ Tina Wayne and **Robert Berman** were married on October 31, 1998, in Altoona, PA. Robert is president of Rasta Imposta and Tina is the owner of the Mod Hatter. They live in Glendora, NJ. ✷ Dean and **Diane Skenas Maimonis** and daughter Alexis welcomed a new family member, Elizabeth, on November 6, 1998. ✷ A son, Luke, joined parents **Noelle Smith** and Gary Stone on December 9, 1998. ✷ Pete and **Kris Eardensohn Stelter** are happy to announce the arrival of daughter Gretchen Hannah on March 8. ✷ Christopher and **Adrienne Buda Anderson** welcomed first child Katherine Cora Anderson on June 5. ✷ **Carl** and **Catherine Butts Vikstrom** announce the recent birth of their first child, son Lars Kellogg Vikstrom. ✷ July 12 was the birthday of Elliott Jameson, first child of Jennifer and **Rob Snow**.

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Laura Byrne (jpglab@gateway.net) reports that she recently moved back from Australia. She and husband John Graham live in Yardley, PA. She's a consultant for Hewitt Associates in Bridgewater, NJ. ✷ **Karan Capoor** received has MBA from Darden at the Univ. of VA last May. He has gone to work for Price Waterhouse Coopers in Fairlakes, VA. ✷ **Greg Frezados** reports: "All is well in Chicago. Became a financial adviser with PaineWebber two years ago after several of practicing law. Also active with the Field Museum board, thanks to **Doug Meyer**. Finally, anyone who knows the whereabouts of **Matt Stewart**, please contact me at gfrezados@yahoo.com. ✷ **Tim Berry** is the new director of floor whip operations in the office of House Majority Whip Tom DeLay (R—Texas). ✷ **Alexander Perry**, assistant district attorney of Rensselaer County (NY), was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Hoosick Falls Health Center. He also belongs to the Capital District Civil War Round Table and the Society for Creative Anachronism. Alex and wife Beth live in North Hoosick. ✷ **Gary Sedlik** (gary@lahockey.com) is a litigation associate in the Los Angeles offices of Dewey Ballantine LLP. "In my time away from the office, I've been playing a lot of ice hockey and I started up a Web site for those interested in playing hockey in southern CA: www.lahockey.com. I'd love to hear from any classmates passing through L.A.!" ✷ **Todd Olinger** (todd.olinger@judicial.state.colorado.edu) received graduate degrees in business and law from the Univ. of CO in May 1998. He has been serving as a law clerk to Justice Rebecca Love Kourlis of the Colorado Supreme Court. This fall, he's practicing environmental law at Davis, Graham & Stubbs in Denver. His avid interest in conflict resolution—fostered by Midd Prof. Russell Leng '60—continues, particularly in light of the Kosovo conflict. He is still a reserve captain in the USAF, having served four years on active duty as a space intelligence officer after graduating from Midd. ✷ **Kelly Smith Feldman** is busy with Catherine (3) and Alexander (1). Husband Richard '91 runs their Ketchum, ID, bike shop, specializing in custom and high-end bicycles, especially cyclocross. They also sell nationally and have just launched a Web page with a catalog at www.durance.com. Kelly continues to do photography—mostly in the winter, since the store is busiest in the summer. ✷ **Rachel Wigglesworth** is in Jackson Hole, WY, doing coyote research at the Teton Science School. She is

happy, but hard to reach! ✷ **Lovisa Johnsson** is now happily ensconced in CT, working for an Internet company. She makes frequent trips to Bermuda and Spain. ✷ **Elizabeth Toder** spent a month in Argentina over the summer, which included five weeks as a financial consultant to a microfinance organization in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She brought her skis for southern hemisphere skiing. ✷ Eric and **Diane Peterson Seaborn** welcomed son Graham Evan on Mother's Day, May 9. ✷ Annette and **Art McAleer** are happy to announce the arrival of son Ian Nikolaj, who was born on July 3. Living in Newfields, NH, Art makes the daily commute to Boston, where he's a partner in a small M&A advisory shop whose bread and butter business is in cross-border (largely Europe/U.S.) transactions. They've kept in touch with Mary and **Rob Hansen**, Carolyn and **Mike Lane**, and **Ken** and **Wendy Williams Davis**, and would love to hear from other classmates. ✷ **Chris Awtrey** and Sloane Stephens '91 were married on June 21, 1997, in Mead Chapel. ✷ For news of the marriage of Noëlle Bujold '88 and **Quinn Pollock**, please turn to the 1988 column. Their wedding photo also appears in this issue. ✷ Josie Parr and **C. David Welling** were married on October 31, 1998. They live in San Francisco, where David is chief of staff of institutional services at Charles Schwab and Co. Josie is a brand manager at Clorox in Oakland.

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Since completing a graduate program in civil engineering at CO State Univ. (Fort Collins, CO) in 1997, **Darcy Noss Molnar** has been working as a postdoctoral fellow doing research in rainfall-runoff modeling. This October she was moving to Bratislava, Slovakia, to do research in flood forecasting at the Slovak Institute of Technology. Darcy and husband Peter, who is from Slovakia, have a daughter, Monika (1). ✷ After several years at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, **Lesley Humphreys** has been named curator of history and research for the NY State Historical Assoc. and the Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown, NY. ✷ **Dave Rogers** and his pal, Greg King, geared up for their fourth season as co-owners of The Lakehouse, a hot dining spot on Lake Bomoseen, which they revived in 1996. They work seven days a week during the six-month season that the restaurant is open and spruce up the premises during the off season. ✷ **Paul Testa** (pault17827@aol.com) started his first year at Dartmouth Medical School in August. ✷ **Tom Chambers** (tchamber@emma.troy.ny.us) "The big news is that I finished (finally) my Ph.D. in history this spring at William and Mary. I'm currently teaching as an adjunct at Siena College in Loudonville, NY, and summer session courses at Skidmore up in Saratoga. I'm searching for the elusive tenure-track job and revising my dissertation (comparing Northern and Southern resorts in antebellum America—a great read if you're suffering from insomnia) for publication. My wife teaches history at Emma Willard School in Troy, NY, so I'm basically a kept man. Not a bad life, since it gives me plenty of time to read and write." ...**Susan Dalrymple** and Jordan Sullivan '93 were married November 14, 1998, in Ridgefield, CT. Susan is director, estate jewelry, at William Doyle Galleries in NYC. Jordan is in foreign exchange options at SBC Warburg Dillon Read in Stamford. ✷ It was a June wedding for Annelliott Willis and **James Nida**. Jim got his MBA from Tuck at Dartmouth and works for NovaCare in Philadelphia. ✷ Kelly Crawford and **Andrew Friendly** met at the Democratic National Convention in NYC in 1992, when they were working on Bill Clinton's national advance staff. On June 19, they were married in Chatham, MA. Now studying for a master's in management at Northwestern, Andrew worked in the White House from 1997 to 1998, as a senior adviser to the special envoy to the Americas. ✷ **Cassie Robbins** and Thomas Clayton were married in Dorset, VT, on June 19. While working on her master's in media studies at NYU, Cassie is a director of promotion marketing at Comedy Central, the cable television network in Manhattan. ✷ On June 26, Katherine Miller and **Ben Danson** tied the knot at a home ceremony in Llanerch, PA. The newlyweds are both teachers at Penncrest High School in Media—she teaches math and he teaches American history. ✷ Daughter Camille Cardwell Buffaloe joined David and **Catherine Cardwell Buffaloe** on May 27. Catherine, David, Camille, and their dog, Valkyrie, live in Germany, where David is stationed with the U.S. Army. ✷ It is with great sadness that we must report the tragic death of **James Appleby** on June 9 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. We send the condolences of the class to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Appleby, and to all his family and friends. A memorial appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Tabitha Jenkins, of NYC, received the Judge Amandus Brackman Moot Court Prize for proficiency in briefing and arguing cases in Moot Court at Washington Univ., St. Louis School of Law. She received a J.D. in May. ✷ **Jonathan Freirich** graduated from the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College on June 13, receiving the title of Rabbi and the Master of Hebrew Letters degree. He also studied in Israel and will receive an M.A. in religious studies from Hebrew Univ. The first student to complete the Rabbis for College Campus training specialization, he's now serving as assistant director of the Hillel at the Univ. of AZ in Tucson. ✷ **John Doty** has been promoted to legislative director by Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY). He joined the staff as an intern in 1994. ✷ **Rebecca Sofferman Buerkett** has been hired by the Adirondack Aquatic Institute (AAI) as part-time technical and administrative assistant. Rebecca is an adjunct prof. of chemistry at North Country Community College. As part of her new job at AAI, she is evaluating six years of water quality data taken from 21 lakes in NY's Hamilton County. ✷ **Elizabeth Bell** is in Truckee, CA, teaching elementary school. ✷ Lori Ludington and **Ryan Tranquilla** exchanged vows on November 21 at the Presidio Chapel in San Francisco. Ryan is program associate for Poets and Writers Inc. in San Francisco, where the newlyweds live. Lori is product manager for Berkeley Systems. ✷ To clear up a garbled item in the summer column, **Sherry Pelkey Roper** (ropers99@alum.darden.edu) informs us that she received her MBA from Darden, the Business School at UVA. She has started a new job as assistant product manager for Dentyne Gum at the candy division of Warner Lambert Co., a major pharmaceuticals firm in Morris Plains, NJ. Husband **Chris** (croper@academic-travel.com) is now "all but dissertation" at UVA in a Ph.D. program in government and foreign affairs. While working on his dissertation research, he is working from their new home in Mt. Tabor, NJ, for a DC-based company, Academic Travel Abroad. They spent time in Cambodia in the summer and Chris was also in Mongolia. ✷ Seven Middlebury grads got MBAs from Tuck-Dartmouth in June: **Bill Tice**, Margaret Terry '94, **Arthur Henderson**, Mike Reynal '88, **John Rudge**, Christer Wollmar '93, and Chris McChesney '93. Bill Tice (tice5@excite.com) is "looking forward to life in Boston, where the beach and ski slopes are much more proximate than either London or New York."

Seven Middlebury MBAs from Tuck-Dartmouth (see 1992 column)

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Erik Carlson (ecarlson1999@kellogg.nwu.edu): "After graduating from Kellogg Business School, I headed to Alaska for a month to grow a beard, live in a tent, and simply relax. My adventures there included hiking Denali's backcountry, navigating the Gulkana's whitewaters by raft, and sea-kayaking through ice-bergs off the Kenai Peninsula. I'm now living in NYC and working as a manager in American Express' Internet group. Please visit!" **Angel Diaz** recently opened his own shop, Solo Flamenco, in Miami, FL. He sells flamenco/Spanish dance accessories and souvenirs from Spain. Check out his Web site: www.soloflamenco.com. ✷ **Steve Prescott** is in Boston, doing technology consulting for various firms in the area. ✷ Chicago attorney **Amanda Clayman** (clayman@mwe.com) and Thomas Levenberg were married on August 31, 1997. ✷ Gabriela Gergely and **Michael Romano** exchanged vows on September 12, 1998, at the Hotel Washington in DC. Gabriela is an immigration attorney in VA; Michael is a telecommunications attorney for Swidler & Bertin in DC. ✷ The October 10, 1998, marriage of Mary Ruth Rzeszut and **Timothy Craig** took place in Seattle. Mary Ruth is a research dietitian for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; Tim is an import pricing manager for K-Line America shipping company. ✷ On June 12, **Gracyn Robinson** and Peter Whitman were married in Kennebunkport, ME. Living in Boston, she's an

PROFILE HAILING A TAXI

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interior designer for an architecture firm and he's an account manager. ✷ **Chip Muller** and Dayna Safran were married in VT this July. Chip is a television journalist in Boston and Providence. Dayna entered Harvard's graduate program in education this fall.

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Hey, all! It was great to see everyone who could make it back to Middlebury for the reunion. Was it just me, or did it seem like the current crop of Midd kids have it pretty good—the Grille, a warm hockey arena, and a paved A-lot? It was a great weekend, good catching up with everyone. Did everyone see the streakers take a late night stroll through the barn? The guilty parties will remain nameless, but let's just say that some things never change (think back to the Senior Week bonfire). ✷ **Chris Kemple** and wife Jinmi left Seoul, Korea, this summer and moved to Philadelphia, where Chris entered Wharton's MBA program this fall. ✷ **Greg Boosin** also moved to Philadelphia to start his MBA at Wharton. ✷ **Ben Curtis** moved to Prague in July to continue researching for his Ph.D. dissertation in political science. ✷ **Chris Carter**, who is writing a novel, joins Ben in Prague. ✷ After five years in the NY Change Management practice in Andersen Consulting, **Teaque Lenahan** (teaque_lenahan@hotmail.com) has returned to his home turf to pursue his MBA at the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. He is happy to report that the nonprofit corporation he and **Ed Soh** cofounded is running well without their direct involvement and thanks everyone for the support they have given to it. ✷ Joining Teaque at Kellogg is **Mandy Levenberg**. Before leaving for school, Mandy planned to climb Macchu Picchu in Peru, exhaust all outdoor possibilities in CA, and spend two weeks in Tuscany, Italy. Before returning to Nepal and Tibet for two months, **Phoebe Folger** visited with Mandy and **Vanessa Branch** over the summer. In September, Phoebe started to work on a master's in international public health at Boston Univ. ✷ **Brian** and Amy Young '89 **DeChristopher** have bought a house in Concord, MA. Brian, who works for Putnam Investments in Boston, has set up a Middlebury College group on PlanetAll.com to keep in touch with his Middlebury friends. ✷ After finishing his second year of medical school, **Josh Kucker** went on vacation for the month of June, but first he hung out with **Ken Mansfield** (who is practicing corporate litigation) in HI for 10 days. ✷ **Jeff Herriott** moved to Buffalo this summer to pursue his Ph.D. in music. ✷ **Sandy Durst** moved to NJ to join a law practice. ✷ **Stacey Gannon** left Seattle to start a master's program in museum studies at George Washington Univ. in DC. ✷ **Johanna Chapin** left DC to begin a master's degree in public health, with a concentration in reproductive and women's health, at the Univ. of MI, Ann Arbor. "I have enjoyed seeing more of **Jen Waaler** and Lindsey Holmes Solorzano '95, who are also in the Midwest (IL)." ✷ **Lu Zhengyuan** recently joined Enhance Reinsurance as a VP. ✷ **Brendan O'Leary** recently defended his thesis in organic chemistry at MIT and received his doctorate. In July, he began work at a biotech company, IGEN International, in Gaithersburg, MD. ✷ **Jennifer Partan Hansen** was not only with us at reunion, but that same weekend she ran her first marathon in Burlington—the Vermont City Marathon. She reports that it was hot and hard, but a blast. ✷ While at the reunion, **Lesley Tomion**, who is teaching in Brookline, MA, gleefully told us working stiffs that she was enjoying her summer-long vacation, doing some traveling around the "Rust Belt" and Canada. ✷ **Malgorzata "Goska" Gnoinska-Heusch** moved to San Francisco to get her M.A. in Japanese literature at Berkeley. She would love to hear from Midd alums in the area. Goska plans to do free-lance translating, while applying to grad schools in international relations. ✷ **Bo Wilmer** defends his thesis in November and then will graduate with a master's in biology. In the meantime, he has started his own GIS company—telecommuting from Bozeman, MT. ✷ **Keith Kelly** recently retired as a professional Montana fishing guide in order to attend graduate school. ✷ **Brendan Donahue**, of South Easton, MA, is the new head men's soccer coach at Curry College in Milton, MA. The previous two years, Brendan was assistant men's soccer coach at Vassar College. ✷ **Meg Wright** is an administrative assistant in the theater arts division at Boston University's School for the Arts. She's also a performing artist who has done a lot of stand-up comedy gigs, such as *Katharine Hepburn in My Head*, which was part of BU's Festival of New Plays last March. She was quoted recently in Boston's *Bay Windows*: "When I moved to Boston in 1994, I started to write down thoughts about my coming out and they've become the basis for this one-woman show [*Katharine Hepburn in My Head*]—my thoughts on coming out, on trying to meet women in Boston, on all the insecurities and anxieties that come along with dating and trying to establish yourself in some sort of community." ✷ In ME, **Joel Thompson** is a new associate with Preti, Flaherty, Beliveau, Pahios & Haley. Joel earned his law degree from Harvard Law School in 1997. ✷ **Brendan Collins**, who graduated from Vanderbilt Medical School in May, is a surgical intern at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. ✷ In DC, **Lori Frolich** (lfrohli1@aha.org) recently hosted a cocktail party; **Scott Godes** and **Hollis Rudiger** stopped by. Hollis is the librarian at the National Cathedral School in DC. ✷ **Kristen Roeder Smith** has taken a new job as assistant director of legislative and public affairs at America's Blood Centers, an association of community blood centers across the country. ✷ The marriage of MeriBeth Hurley and **Jeffrey Russo** took place on April 10. They honeymooned in HI and are at home in Canaan, NY. MeriBeth is with Novalis in Albany; Jeff is with Berkshire Farm Center in Canaan. ✷ **Caroline Clutz** and Mark Keeney exchanged vows on June 18 at Deer Valley Resort in Park City, UT.

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Please send us news! Here's what we've heard lately: **Kara Ryan** has been writing and editing for *Outside Magazine* in Santa Fe, NM. ✷ As program coordinator of the Adirondack Mountain Club, **Megan Smith** teaches outdoor education courses, helps to operate two wilderness lodges, and conducts extensive trails, conservation, educational outings, and natural history programs. ✷ **Wright Frank** (adk4143@yahoo.com) is in Morocco with the Peace Corps. ✷ After graduating from New York Medical College in May, **Greg Friberg** (drgfri@aol.com) moved to Lebanon, NH, to start his residency in internal medicine at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. ✷ **Mollie Knox** finished a summer internship at a NYC law firm and returned to the Univ. of WI this fall to complete her final year of law school. ✷ Author Robert Cormier and screenwriter **Jennifer Sarja** collaborated on a film version of Cormier's *The Bumblebee Flies Anyway*, a novel Jennifer first read while in school. She transferred to NYU and got her master's in dramatic writing in 1995. Robert Cormier was a participant in the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference in 1968. ✷ **Mark Podhajsky** (mpodhajsky@getty.edu) writes that he's working at the J. Paul Getty Museum in the dazzling new Getty Center perched high above L.A. He works on special projects for the Museum. After three years in L.A., he says, "I wouldn't think of living anywhere else!" ✷ **Dave Medow** is working in the television business in L.A. ✷ **Damien Saccani** is a director of development in the motion picture group at Universal Pictures in L.A. Damien reports that **Alec Perkins** is teaching in San Francisco, **Tom Kuchler** is at Chase in NYC, **Anna Hart** is at Johns Hopkins, **Winfield Campbell** is going to med school this fall, **Justin Burley** is working for an investment banking firm in London, **Dan Richards** is working in Chicago, **Kelly Hefner** is working for the Discovery Channel in DC, and **Rob Perez** (in L.A.) has sold something to Working Title films and is working on a television project and another unproduced screenplay. ✷ **Erica DeVos** (devos@smtp.democrats.org), who got a master's in foreign service in May from Georgetown, has returned to the Democratic National Committee to work on the 2000 Convention. ✷ With a new master's in environmental management from Duke, **Keith Arnold** (arnold_keith@hotmail.com) went to work for an environmental consulting firm in DC in August. ✷ **Wendy Ekman** (brighton@sni.net) graduated from Case Western Reserve School of Law. Now a public defender for the State of CO, she reports that she "could not be happier." She's rooming with

Seth Green '97 and Helen Motter '96 climbing near Bozeman, MT

Meredith Frinsko in Denver, where Meredith works for the Denver Bar Assoc. Wendy reports that she often sees Denver residents **Ben Freiberg**, Jessica Fiedler '96, and **Tracey Grant**. ✷ **Jen Mallette** (jmallett@student.lesley.edu) is happy to be back in the Boston area after two years in Madison, WI. This summer she started the M.Ed. program in elementary education at Lesley College. ✷ **Andy Cantor** is working at Mt. Snow in VT. ✷ **Arnold Lewis** is living in Tacoma, WA, teaching Spanish at Charles Wright Academy, and coaching soccer. He met up with **Mike Hume** recently in WA for the Paul Simon/Bob Dylan concert. ✷ **Sasha Sedriks** left Seattle, where he was doing art gallery work, to attend art graduate school in San Francisco. ✷ **Steve Engle** is at Victoria Univ. in Wellington, NZ, doing a master's in geography. ✷ **Jeff Inglis** (jeff.inglis@pobox.com) (www.jeffinglis.com) has been working on a master's in journalism at the Univ. of MO-Columbia by doing an independent project about small towns in New Zealand. He hoped to get together with the family of Sarah Teele '94 in Christchurch in July and had been in touch with **Jen Hazen**, who has been researching a mine in central Asia for her Ph.D. in geography at the Univ. of CO-Boulder. Jeff sent news of **Amy Young** (in New York this summer, doing research towards her Ph.D. in geology at UCLA), **Denise Kmetzo** (in Boston, studying public health), **Matt Hodges** (in Boston working for Brown Brothers), **Will Dobson** (a student at Harvard, has been in China), **Jon McDonagh** (back in VT, finishing his studies at UVM Med School), **Emily Stone** (working at the *Burlington Free Press*), and **Kara Sweeney** (working in operations at Sugarbush until she transferred to Killington). Returning to the U.S. for six weeks in August, Jeff was off for six months in Antarctica to work for the newspaper run by the U.S. Antarctic Research Program, based at McMurdo Station on the Ross Ice Shelf. ✷ "After much thought," **Kyle Winder** (kyledriver@aol.com) "decided to put my English degree to good use and joined the Air Force as a pilot. Graduated Officer Training School April 9. Graduated the Aerospace Basic Course May 7. Finished Introductory Flight Training July 26. Stationed at Maxwell AFB for the moment. Go on to USAF Pilot Training September 17 at Columbus AFB, MS. Looking to fly the B1-B or C-17." ✷ **Mia Johnson** and **Tyler Newton** were married in MN on June 26. ✷ **Carine Falkenberg** and Mike Lauterbach '96 exchanged vows in Oslo, Norway, on July 2. ✷ After finishing his MBA at CEIBS in Shanghai, China, **Chris Romer** (romerchris@yahoo.com) is back in Europe as a software consultant for SAP in Heidelberg. ✷ **David Diamonon** has been in various countries of the former Soviet Union for about four years. He wrote in early summer: "I have found myself in Ukraine for two years. After working for the International Finance Corp. in different cities for a year, **Oliver Truog** and I converged on Kiev over 1997 and 1998. **Sara Morgan Truog** founded Kiev's first English language theater, while teaching toddlers at an international school. **Sash Schmemann** graced us with his presence for several months last spring. Sash will receive a master's in international relations from the London School of Economics this summer. The Environmental Research Institute of Michigan hired me to manage the finances for their USAID-funded project in Ukraine for conversion of spy technology for commercial use. But the best part of it all is founding Speeding Lisa, Kiev's latest and greatest expatriate rock band! We'll play our fourth gig at the Embassy 4th of July celebration. If we ever lose our drummer, we'll consider taking on Jason Dutil '96, who recently relocated to Kiev from Almaty, Kazakhstan, with Deloitte and Touche. Hope everyone's doing well."

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At the Univ. of CA, San Francisco, **Elizabeth Prescott** (epresco@itsa.ucsf.edu), has received a NSF Predoctoral Award. ✷ **Brad Corrigan** (bradcorr@calldispatch.com) and his band, Dispatch (formerly One Fell Swoop) went on tour this fall. To learn more about their new album, "Four-Day Trials," check out their Web site at www.calldispatch.com, which was set up by **Taylor Mahony**. ✷ **Tracey Wilkerson** is still at Outward Bound in ME. Her beautiful dog, Pogi, was injured in a car accident, but is recovering well. ✷ **Colleen Oates** is on the North Shore of MA, working in historical preservation and seeking further employment in that field. ✷ **Kali Azzi** finished her master's at American Univ. and is living in Jerusalem, where she is a coordinator for the Middle East North Africa NGO Working Group. While commuting to work, she recently ran into **Sammy Khalil**, who spent the summer in Palestine working for a Palestinian human rights monitoring organization. ✷ **Adrienne Yun** met Stephen Shore in Korea, where she was teaching English as a Fulbright scholar and working in the president's office of Korean Air Lines. Stephen graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and served a three-year tour of duty in Korea. On August 16, 1998, the two were married at the West Point Chapel in NY. After a honeymoon in Kauai, the newlyweds are living in Enterprise, AL.

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Helen Froelich (helen_froelich@yahoo.com) writes: "Life in China is treating me well. I am enjoying my job at Sinofile (check out Web site at www.sinopolis.com.cn). I'm playing on two ice hockey teams here—one foreign, one Chinese—and plan to stay here for at least another year. I recently went to Manila for a men's 5 hockey tournament. We did pretty well, despite having to play on a 1/2 size rink in the middle of a shopping center. I had a great time and made it onto national TV for being the only woman in the tournament!" ✷ **Lilia Gerberg** (thegerby@yahoo.com) is a water sanitation health educator in the eastern province of Zambia. Her address is Lilia Gerberg, U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, P.O. Box 50707 Lusaka, Zambia, Southern Africa. ✷ **Josh Levy** (joshlevy@yahoo.com) is "still living among the chic and unshowered in Paris." ✷ **Brooke Capps** is reportedly living outside NYC, recuperating from her Peace Corps time in Ukraine. ✷ **Lara Wagner** traveled through Latin America before returning to Washington State to begin medical school this fall. ✷ **Heidi Hopkins** is a flight coordinator at Raytheon, accruing hours towards her pilot license. She finished first-level courses at an intensive flight school, and is based in Wichita, KS, for now. ✷ **Katie Hosford** completed a stellar first year at UW law in Seattle, won her section competitions in Moot Court, and was looking forward to a summer internship with a judge. Katie and **Tracy Nolan** and **Rachel Odell** were in Seattle for a reunion on Whidbey Island! Rachel continues to write for the *Jackson Hole Daily News*, covering the environmental beat. ✷ **Amy Nichols** left her job at Chase, went to Paris for two weeks, then took a new job at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette in the asset management group, where she's marketing private equity funds and hedge funds. She writes that a recent column reported she was solving the Euro crisis. "Wish that were true, but it's not!" ✷ **Heather Thompson** (hbt17@excite.com) is teaching high school history in Portland, ME. She was recently visited by Cam Brown '99, who is working as a nanny. ✷ Living in the DC area, **Henock Gebreamlak** (henock@patriot.net) is an information systems analyst for the Federal Reserve System. Last year he had a wonderful time visiting his family and friends back in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. ✷ Preparing for her new teaching position at the Crane School this fall in Santa Barbara, **Laura Sanchez** spent the summer studying Spanish at Midd. ✷ **Christina Papanestor** is in Santa Barbara, working at a chamber music presenting organization. ✷ **Stephanie Pindyck** enjoyed the summer at Bread Loaf. She continues at National Public Radio as a producer for the Living on Earth program and as developer for the program's Web page as well. ✷ **John Stephenson** is a hiking guide in Aspen. ✷ **Jon Nass** is in New Orleans, preparing to apply to dental school. ✷ **Kate Kline** and **Neil Matthews** just moved into a new house in Burlington, VT. It even has a picket fence. Enough said! ✷ **Jackie Pelton, Elizabeth Frazier, Amy Flanders, Laura Wright, Todd Hankinson, Jeff Rea, Matt Ralston, Andy Jessen, Rob Birdsong**, and **Brian Hubbard** enjoyed a weekend of water skiing and boating at the Hubbard home in Syracuse. Everyone continues to do well and Jackie is looking forward to moving back to Boston. ✷ **Chante Wiegand**, who works in client services at State Street Global Advisors, has moved into a fun new apartment in Newton. ✷ **Mark Felton** and **Joe Birbiglia** are living in Somerville. Mark works for *Fast Company* magazine. ✷ **Carolyn Stewart** and **Olivia**

Hooper are living in Allston. Carolyn works for Harvard's University's special programs group. ✷ Joining **Jonathan Tunney** on Jon's Island, ME, over the 4th of July were **Brad Schenkel**, **Jon Schonberg**, Ben Lucas '96, **Derry Mason**, Howie Young '96, **Greg Carolan**, Paige Budelsky '98, **Alex Blum**, and **Brett Zinober**. There was much fun, food, laughter, and swimming. ✷ Congratulations to Heather and **Craig Stouffer**, who were married Memorial Day weekend and left for their honeymoon in Tahiti. Details will follow in the next issue.

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The *San Francisco Weekly* recently named Farley's "Best Cafe," as well as "Best place to sit in a window seat and not see Starbuck's." **Jessica Cox**-whose position at Farley's is "Angel of Coffee"-writes: "Any MiddKids in the area should totally check us out. It's so fun when people from Middlebury come in!" ✷ **Aubrey Cattell** (acattell@bofasecurities.com) and Tad Gunkelman '97 (tgunkelm@lehman.com) are still greasing the wheels of capitalism in San Francisco. When their corporate masters give them a moments respite, they find time to toss the Frisbee or jump out of an airplane. ✷ **Lizza Morales** writes: "I'm having the time of my life in the City of Angels! My days are spent working at a top talent agency, while my nights are constantly booked with events to attend, from premieres to award shows. My biggest problem is figuring out what to wear. Highlights of the year: Attending Drew Barrymore and Courtney Love's New Year's bash, bumping into **Jon Mone** (who works at a competing talent agency), and attending the private screening of *Star Wars* at Skywalker Ranch." ✷ Former President **Bryan Stratton** has been exiled to Vallejo, CA, where he is plotting his next conquest with his closest advisers. To pass the time, he spends his days at Computec Media USA, where he gets a large paycheck for playing videogames. ✷ **Tanya Boudakian** reports: "I've been working as Sirio Maccioni's assistant at the famed New York restaurant Le Cirque 2000 for the past year, hobnobbing with celebrities and the "ladies who lunch" in my role as French- and Italian-speaking peon to the stars. ✷ **Melissa Loeben** is attending Columbia Univ. this fall to pursue a master's in psychology. ✷ Now living in NYC, **Lela Moore** is an editorial assistant at Workman Publishing. ✷ **Lauren Brown** finished her master's in education in Boston and moved to NYC to teach first grade at Sacred Heart. ✷ While working on her Ph.D. at Princeton, **Irina Marinov** has received the 18th annual Andrew E. Nuquist Award for Outstanding Student Research on a Vermont Topic for her Midd senior physics thesis submission, "Wind-generated Oscillations in Lake Champlain." Her thesis was cited as an outstanding project that advanced existing atmospheric models on the lake. ✷ **Travis Greig** (travisg@artpace.org) is doing his MFA in sculpture at the Art Institute of Chicago. ✷ In New Zealand, **Emily Henlein** is working for the Imperial Chemical Industry, (safety, health, and environment dept.). During summer she traveled through Portugal and Morocco and visited the U.S. ✷ **Sherr Lo** writes: "Living in China has prepared me well for camping. This summer, I'll be traveling around southwest China a bit. Hope to go camping near the border of Tibet. Will go to the border of Vietnam and go water rafting. Then, if all goes well, I'll be moving to Hong Kong for a job. If the job doesn't work out, Beijing or Shanghai." ✷ In Ecuador, **Shruthi Mahalingaiah** continues work on her Watson project. ✷ As usual, rumors continue to swirl about the lost souls of **David Matthew Janiak Thomas** and **Erik Davis Hodge**, who were last seen crossing the friendly border between Liechtenstein and Austria. They will be publishing their travel journals through Houghton-Mifflin upon their return to the States. ✷ Now speech writing for Senator Chafee, **Megan Sowards** (megan.sowards@chafee.senate.gov) has answered the siren call of Capitol Hill. ✷ Speaking of DC, a considerable contingent of MiddKids was seen roasting in the triple digit heat on the banks of the Potomac July 4. Hosting the ripper were local legends Mike Lauze '99, **Libby Erwin, Megan Sowards, Alyson Cucci**, and **Madelyn Carpenter**. In attendance were **Nick Lauriat, Matt Coburn, Chuck Edwards, Jen Jensen, Manda Gonzalez, Nat Coughlin, Ande Breault**, "Congratulations" **Kate Barch**, yours truly, and a ton of '94s, '95s, and '99s. ✷ After working for a year as a translator in Brazil, **Dan Mack** moved in August to DC, where he will pursue a master's in foreign service at Georgetown. ✷ **Rebecca Sama** left her internship at the Star Energy Project of the EPA to become personal assistant to Hugh Newell Jacobsen, the Georgetown architect whom she "met in text" at Midd. Becky bikes to work and plays hockey in Fairfax. ✷ **Ben LaRocco** is making his artistic mark early. Already a known name in his hometown of Gouldsboro, ME, Ben's landscape and figure oils were recently displayed at The Lemon Tree in Bangor, ME. ✷ Still finding the scoop around Middlebury, **Jen Jensen** is a reporter for the *Addison Independent*. Recent articles have included an expose on brown recluse spiders and a thorough examination of Jay Parini's new book. ✷ **Jen Close** recently accepted a position in the Dean of Student Affairs Office at Middlebury. ✷ **Kat Inglis** left Portland, ME, to attend Vermont Law School this fall, for a master's in environmental law. She has visited **Abby Manzella, Tricia Zlotek**, and **Bree Arsenault** in Boston. ✷ On March 20, Jana Metevier '99 and **Douglas Beagley** were married in Middlebury, where they now live. Doug is employed by Mt. Abe Union High School. ✷ One final note. If anyone in the Class of 1998 has any notes they would like to share, send me an e-mail so I can include your stories.

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A computer program created by **Suzanne Minott** has been applied by the College to streamline the process of matching new students with first-year seminars. In recent years about 85 percent of first-year students were placed in seminars that were either their first or second choices. Using Suzanne's program, which she developed for her senior thesis in math, 99 percent of the students who registered by telephone got their first or second choice seminars. ✷ "My internship at NASA this summer," reports **David Grass** (grass@spectra.gsfc.nasa.gov), "turned into a job in the fall working on the Human Health Initiative, part of which attempts to predict malaria epidemics using meteorological satellite data. After December 22, I will be going to Santiago, Chile, on a Fulbright Scholarship." ✷ **Matthew Landfield** (matthewlandfield@hotmail.com) is working as an actor and filmmaker in NYC. He was recently cast in a small speaking role in Ed Harris's new movie, *Pollock*, about artist Jackson Pollock. "I got to work with Ed, who was very nice. Val Kilmer, Marcia Gay Harden, and John Heard, who were also on set, were all cool, too. Ed Harris's wife, Amy Madigan, is also in the movie. Also, my senior thesis film-video project, *Defying Gravity*, recently won second prize in the Sierra Nevada Student Film and Video contest in Incline Village, NV. On August 11, *Defying Gravity* was screened in Manhattan (Second Ave. and Second St.) as part of the New Filmmakers Film Series at Anthology Film Archives." ✷ Now working at B.T. Alex Brown in NYC, **Susan Givens** (givens@panther.middlebury.edu) is living on the Upper East Side with **Martha Alexander** (Goldman Sachs) and **Mimi Doggett** (Sibson Consulting). ✷ While traveling the country after graduation, **Ron Allen** (rallen@panther.middlebury.edu) met someone named Mark in New Orleans and the two decided to move to San Francisco to live together and start up a sandwich shop. Writing in June: "So far we have been in business for a week and it has gone great. The shop is called 12", and is located at the base of Nob Hill. Mark and I welcome all Midd alums to stay with us—and if they mention that they are Midd grads at 12", they'll receive a free foot long on us." ✷ **Peter Steinberg** was a protein chemist for Wyeth Lederle Vaccines (Rochester, NY) until starting medical school at the UPenn School of Medicine in August. ✷ **Jana Metevier** and Douglas Beagley '98 were married March 20 at Ilsley Memorial Baptist Church in Middlebury. Doug works at Mount Abraham Union High School. ✷ July 4 festivities at the Cape May campus involved **John Couch, C.J. Diamond, John Overbay, Scott Dudley, Charles Macintosh, Ben Bedford, Forrest Westin, Pete Steinberg, Matt Saxton, Lindsey Huenink, Lindsay Ritter, Kristine Kraushaar, Liz Cassidy, Meg Hankins**, and **Jess Foote**. (See photo) ✷ Stay in touch! Send news to the addresses at the head of this column!

July 4 festivities at Cape May "campus" (see 1999 column)

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In April, **Vaughn Ramsey Ward** (M.A. '67) (vaughnward@aol.com) was inducted into the Academy of Women of Achievement by the Assembly and Senate of the State of NY. For more than 30 years, Vaughn has been collecting, restoring, and presenting the history and culture of New York State's North Country. She has edited several Adirondack folklore collections and has written two books—*I Always Tell the Truth (Even If I Have to Lie to Do It)* and *Six-Foot Man Eatin' Chicken*. She created the Saratoga County Folklife and Oral History Program and the Lower Adirondack Regional Folklife Project. She served as the major consultant for the PBS 1996 documentary *Music from the Heart of the Adirondacks*. In 1998, Vaughn and husband George received a rarely-given Evergreen Award from the Traditional Arts of Upstate NY, in recognition of their contributions to and support of the people of the Adirondack foothills. ✷ **Herbert Martin** (M.Litt. '72) (martinh@checkov.hm.udayton.edu) recently won first prize in the Mellen Press Poetry Competition for his long narrative poem, "The Log of the Vigilante." He also placed first in the Piccadilly Poetry Reading Contest, which allows him a reading debut in London in October. His newest volume of poems is *Galileo's Suns* (Bottom Dog Press at Firelands College, Huron, OH). ✷ This September, **Patricia Phaneuf Alexander** (M.A. '94) and husband Randolph moved to London, where Patricia is working for the Archbishop of Canterbury for one year.

FRENCH

The Brunswick (ME) Area Student Aid Fund endowed a scholarship fund in memory of **Malcolm D. Clarke** (M.A. '29), who taught foreign languages at North Yarmouth Academy after his retirement to Harpswell in 1963. He died on September 29, 1998, at the age of 96. ✷ After 33 years of service to the Univ. of Rochester, **Charles Carlton** (M.A. '51) (carlton@ling.rochester.edu) retired as prof. of modern languages and cultures last spring. In addition to teaching French language courses, he focused his work on Romance linguistics, including Romanian. ✷ **Merton Bland** (M.A. '56) (merton@erols.com) is back in this country after serving for 18 months as a U.S. Information Agency English Teaching Fellow in Vietnam. After his retirement from the foreign service, he earned another M.A. (in linguistics) and a graduate certificate in TESOL, then went abroad (Germany, China, Malaysia, Korea, and Vietnam) to teach English. ✷ **Mel Yoken** ('59, '63), of the Univ. of MA Dartmouth, has published a third book in a series entitled *Entretiens Quebecois*. Written entirely in French, the book consists of detailed interviews with nine contemporary Quebec writers. ✷ Knighted by the French government on May 1, **Donna Michels Czarnecki** (M.A. '71) is now a "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Palmes Academique." In 1997, she was selected by the American Assoc. of Teachers of French as Outstanding French Teacher in the Nation on the secondary level. ✷ **Patricia Albers** (M.A. '72) (bariolee@aol.com) recently published a biography of the photographer and revolutionary Tina Modotti: *Shadows, Fire, Snow: The Life of Tina Modotti* (Clarkson Potter). ✷ **Elizabeth Richardson Viti** ('74) was recently named the Edwin T. Johnson and Cynthia Shearer Johnson Distinguished Teaching Chair in the Humanities at Gettysburg College in PA. ✷ Brother **Robert Green** (M.A. '76) has been appointed headmaster of Malden Catholic High School. He was previously assistant principal of academics at St. John's Prep in Danvers, MA. ✷ Upon her retirement from teaching at the Massanutten Military Academy last spring, **Paulette Maggiolo** (D.M.L. '76) received the first Woodstock (VA) Rotary Club Teacher of the Year Award. ✷ **Paul Gery** (M.A. '77) teaches German at Arlington High School in LaGrangeville, NY. He lives in New Windsor with wife Donna and son Marc. ✷ **Lizbeth Huyer Herrick** (M.A. '77) recently led the Liverpool (NY) Central School 150-member marching band on a trip to Bordeaux, France. A former French teacher, Lizbeth is the school's assistant superintendent. ✷ **Roy (Chip) Dupuy** (M.A. '80) (yupchip@microgear.net) writes: "I have lost all contact with Middies who participated in Paris school, 1979-1980. Is there someone out there who might remember me? I worked at the Taipei American School for many years, teaching ESL and French. I'm retired now, but I retain fond memories of Middlebury and TAS. Next year I plan to return to Taiwan and other points in Asia where I hope to go back to teaching. Retirement is fine, but it does get boring. I urge everyone to do some work abroad. It'll open your mind." ✷ **Barbara Appleby** (M.A. '83), of North Yarmouth, ME, has been promoted to VP of retirement and financial planning at NorthStar Retirement Strategies in Portland. ✷ Living in South Philadelphia with husband David, **Pamela Powles** (M.A. French '83; M.A. Spanish '91) reports that her three children—Cassandra (12), Patricia (7), and Nathaniel (2)—are all learning French from their "maman." ✷ **Megan Carroll Shea** ('87-'88) (mcs@carrollassoc.com) lives in Wellesley, MA, with husband Timothy and children Aisling (2 1/2) and Eoin (2 mos.). An arts attorney with her own practice (Carroll Associates), Megan is also a law prof. at New England School of Law. She continues to dance with two small dance companies in Boston. ✷ A full-time French teacher at St. Hilda's and St. Hugh's Episcopal School in NYC, **Cynthia Crumlish** (M.A. '88) (cynbc@ earthlink.net) is also a professional actress. For the month of July she was working at the Globe Theatre in London.

GERMAN

Jesuit Father **G. Donald Pantle** (M.A. '64) recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his joining the Society of Jesus. He teaches German and Spanish at the Univ. of Scranton, where he is associate campus minister. ✷ **Ilse Graf Raymond** (M.A. '83) retired in 1996 from teaching French, Spanish, and German, "but still studying Japanese. Started new life, taking lots of art courses, joyfully doing watercolors, swimming, and skiing." ✷ After living in Germany for two years, **Mary Scarbrough Hunt** (M.A. '92) returned to grad school in the U.S. in 1998 for a master's in library/information science at the Univ. of MD, College Park.

ITALIAN

In Bristol, RI, **Natalie Lero Urban** (M.A. '71) teaches Italian at Cranston High School West, where one of her Italian IV honors students recently scored first place in the country on the National Italian exam.

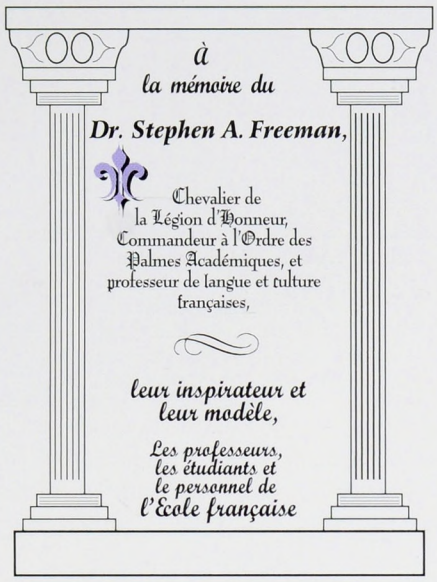
JAPANESE

Conrad Chaffee ('96, '98) (chaffee@alumni.middlebury.edu) writes: "Soredewa mata nihon de aimashyo!" He is spending the year in Japan.

SPANISH

James W. Robb (M.A. '50), prof. emeritus of Romance languages at George Washington Univ., has been elected to the Mexican Academy of Letters in recognition of his scholarly studies of Mexican poet Alfonso Reyes. ✷ **Keith McDuffie** (M.A. '60) became prof. emeritus on May 1, following 24 years of service in the dept. of Hispanic languages and literatures, Univ. of Pittsburgh. He writes that his most memorable Middlebury experiences were playing the role of Don Quijote in a Spanish School production of Manuel de Falla's chamber opera, *El retablo de Maese Pedro*, directed by the late Cuban cinematographer Nestor Almendros, and the role of the befuddled husband in Gregorio Martínez Sierra's play, *Sueño de una noche de agosto*, directed by Luis Baralt. ✷ President Clinton has named **Brian O'Dwyer** (M.A. '67) to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. A partner with O'Dwyer and Bernstein, a NYC litigation law firm, Brian was appointed commissioner of the NYC Commission on Human Rights by Mayor David Dinkins. ✷ Sr. **Angela Marie Ebberwein** (M.A. '69), VP of St. Joseph's Mercy Care Corp. of Atlanta, was recently elected to the board of Mercy Medical, a multiservice healthcare organization in AL. ✷ **Ernest Bio** (M.A. '72) has been appointed assistant superintendent of the Asbury Park, NJ, school district, where he was originally hired as a Spanish teacher in 1971. ✷ **Helen Woods** (M.A. '72) reports "great memories of Middlebury!" She has taught in bilingual schools in Bolivia and Peru, taught Spanish and French in Saugus, MA, and retired in 1994. Now she volunteers, teaching ESL to Russian immigrants preparing for citizenship. ✷ **Malcolm Kutash** (M.A. '73) has joined SunTrust Bank of Southwest FL as private banking manager for the Olde Naples office. ✷ Since 1983, the scholarship of **Ralph DiFranco** (M.A. '74) has centered on the preparation of first editions of 16th century Spanish poetry manuscripts. With colleague José Labrador, he has published 12 editions and 23 journal articles. In 1997 they were awarded an NEH grant for $94,580 to produce a database of this poetry. With the assistance of colleagues at Berkeley, they created *Bibliografía de la Poesía Áurea*, which now includes over 75,000 first lines of poems taken from more than 250 manuscripts and books. A second NEH grant for $160,040 is enabling the continuation of the project. ✷ Now head of the language dept. at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Ridgeland, MS, **Farrell Payne** (M.A. '77) is state president of A.A.T.S.P. "I'm finishing a second master's in ESL at the Univ. of Southern MS and would like to spend a year teaching in Russia. Any ideas?" ✷ **Carol Weston Ackerman** (M.A. '79), author of a variety of books addressing adolescent girls' issues, recently revised and updated her 1985 book, *Girltalk: All the Stuff Your Sister Never Told You*. Carol and husband Robert ('78, '79)—who met at Middlebury—have two daughters, Elizabeth (11) and Emme (9). ✷ In Fontainebleau, France, **Betty Flasch** (bflasch@ibm.net) (M.A. '80) has been appointed acting director of career management service for INSEAD. ✷ **Patricia**

Corcoran Thomas (M.A. '83) (pthomas@uwsuper.edu) was recently awarded a fellowship for outstanding teaching at the Univ. of WI-Superior, where she is an assistant prof. She and husband John live in Duluth. ✷ **Marcia Alban** (M.A. '84) visited the Holy Land last December with the Highland Park Strings, playing five concerts in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the bar mitzvah of Larry Block, founder and manager of the Highland Park Strings. ✷ **Terri Knoblauch Atkinson** (M.A. '85) (terri9150@aol.com) would love to hear from classmates of the early '80s in the Spanish School. "Over the years, I have referred several language students to Middlebury's summer program. I loved it and I know they will, too." ✷ Bridgewater (VA) College prof. **Lynn McGovern-Waite** (M.A. '85) was one of 15 university professors in the U.S. selected to participate in the first NEH Summer Institute on 19th-Century Spain. ✷ Literary agent **Laura Dail** (M.A. '88) specializes in Latin American fiction and nonfiction. She represents eminent novelists from Mexico and Spain, as well as practical nonfiction for the U.S. Latino market. ✷ **Nicole Lepoutre** (M.A. '88) and Mark Sherf were married on February 14 in Marblehead, MA. They live in Salem and she teaches in the Manchester-by-the-Sea school system. ✷ **George Neri** (M.A. '90) has moved to Buffalo to be the consumer finance operations specialist in the bank card security department at HSBC Bank, USA. ✷ Frank and **Kathy Dennehy Haubert** (M.A. '91) welcomed son Tyler Mitchell on April 19. ✷ The November 21, 1998, marriage of **Anne Gingras** (M.A. '92) and Kevin Kelly took place in Augusta, ME. Anne is a Spanish teacher at Cony High School. ✷ **Mike O'Connor** (M.A. '92) (mikeoconnr@aol.com) and Nayade Carinao were married on March 20 in Temuco, Chile. Mike is a medical interpreter at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and Nayade is an internal auditor for Liberty Mutual. ✷ **Jeffrey Silva** (M.A. '93) is a detective in the New Bedford, MA, Police Dept. ✷ **Wendy Birmingham Allerton** (M.A. '94) welcomed daughter Kendall Anne Allerton on December 10, 1998. Daughter Kennelly Sarah turned two in April. "We are enjoying family life and wish all my classmates well." ✷ Kathleen Murphy and **Robert Bilsbury** (M.A. '94) exchanged vows on October 17, 1998, in Topsfield, MA. Robert teaches Spanish at Manchester High School. ✷ A visiting instructor at Washington and Lee Univ., **Khamla Dhouti** (M.A. '94) is completing her doctoral dissertation at the Univ. of TX-Austin. ✷ **Melissa O'Neill** (M.A. '94) has joined the Mirick O'Connell law firm (Worcester, MA) as an associate in the corporate law dept. ✷ The marriage of Julie Dobrow and **Jason Rossi** (M.A. '94) took place on January 2 in NYC. **Thomas Breen** (M.A. '94) attended the ceremony. Jason (jrossi@transperfect.com) is director of the production group at TransPerfect Translations, Inc. ✷ **Maria Italiano** (M.A. '96) has joined the foreign language dept. of Gloucester Catholic High School in Gloucester City, NJ. ✷ **Kimberly Lawless Talbot** (M.A. '97) has been teaching Spanish since 1995 at Revere (MA) High School. ✷ **Tara Cocozza** ('97, '98) married Gary Duvall on March 13. She teaches Spanish at the Beaver Country Day School, Chestnut Hill, MA. ✷ **Maria Pizzano** (M.A. '98) is a foreign language teacher in the Pelham, NY, school district. ✷ Spanish teacher **Sheri Petelle** ('97, '98) won the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association's New Teacher of the Year award in 1998. She teaches 4th through 11th graders in Manchester, MA.



22 **Dorothy Douglas Purdy**, 100, of Houston, TX, on July 15, 1999. She was a former advertising manager of Bonwit Teller and Co. in Philadelphia. Survivors include sons Stuart D. Purdy '59 and William H. Purdy. She was predeceased by several Middlebury relatives, including her husband, William H. Purdy Sr. 1926; her father, William J. Douglas 1893; her mother, Mary Dunshee Douglas 1893; her brother, Stuart D. Douglas 1919; and her sister, Harriet Douglas Seelye 1933.

Aimee Putnam Riker, 98, of Spencer, NY, on June 18, 1999. She taught high school English and social studies for many years in Spencer. Elected the first woman elder of the First Presbyterian Church, she was also involved in community service, hooked rugs, and remained physically active well into her 90s. In 1990, she was named Senior Citizen of the Year of Tioga County. She was the widow of Leon W. Riker. Survivors include sons Leon W. and Neil A. Riker, daughter Patricia Branton, a sister, six grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

26 **Roland A. Bennett**, 97, of Preston, CT, on May 28, 1999. For 45 years, he was a civil engineer and deputy highway commissioner for the state of CT. He was a member of the Masons of Norwich and enjoyed sports, especially the Boston Red Sox. He leaves wife Helen (Woodmansee), son Roland Jr., daughters Joan Murphy and Gay Reichart, a sister, 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

30 **Robert R. Herrick**, 93, of Greensburg, IN, on May 18, 1999. Mr. Herrick started the Retail Credit Co (later Equifax, Inc.) and managed offices in WV, MA, OH, PA, and IN, before retiring to Delray Beach, FL. He served on various civic committees and was an officer of the Presbyterian Church and the Middlebury Congregational Church. He served Middlebury College as class secretary and as class agent. Predeceased by wife Marion in 1986, he is survived by son R. Ross Herrick '60, daughters Martha Bough and Janet Foster, a brother, and two granddaughters.

Royal O. Knowlton, 91, of Ashford, CT, on June 14, 1999. Living in the house built by his great-grandfather, he maintained the family farm while serving the town in many capacities. He was town clerk for 30 years and also served as probate judge, town treasurer, assessor, registrar of voters, and state representative. A painting of Mr. Knowlton was placed in the town hall in September 1998. Survivors include son Thomas, daughters Dorothy and Nancy, and seven grandchildren.

C. Lloyd Mann, 95, of Daytona Beach, FL, on April 24, 1999. He began his 43-year teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse before coming to Middlebury. He later taught high school chemistry, physics, and mathematics. He earned a master's from Albany (NY) Teachers' College and completed his career on the faculty of Wappingers Falls Central School. Survived by his wife of 68 years, Harriette (Burton), he also leaves sons Charles, Burton, Robert, Russell, and Roger; 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

31 **Harry Bullukian**, 89, of Franklin, MA, on June 23, 1999. With his brother, Arthur, he established the H. Bullukian & Sons Oil Co. in Franklin. Survivors include wife Jennie (Vartanian), son George, daughter Marsha Fahey, and three grandchildren.

32 **Josephine Walker Hoecke**, 86, of North Attleborough, MA, on June 30, 1999. She attended Katharine Gibbs School in Boston and served on the school's scholarship committee for several years. In additional to secretarial work, she did research for an inventor and for the president of Rumford (RI) Chemical Works. She was very active later in volunteer work and traveled the world with her husband, Bertel V. Hoecke, who survives her. She also leaves a daughter, Christine Hoecke.

Marion Jones Munford, 88, of Middlebury, VT, on July 20, 1999. After two years of teaching English, history, and biology in rural Vermont, she embarked on a career in library work at Dartmouth, Harvard, Boston City Hospital, the Bread Loaf School of English, and Porter Hospital in Middlebury. At Middlebury College, she directed and taught the laboratory sections in the introductory course in biology and served as codirector of a program designed to bring African-American students to the campus for a special summer academic program in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King. She became increasingly involved with the Middlebury community, working to serve the needs of the poor. She served as president of the Addison County Community Action Group (ACCAG), helped created the local food shelf, was a founding member of the John Graham Shelter in Vergennes, helped indigent and transient people in her capacity of town officer, chaired the Christmas Shop (providing toys and new clothing to Addison County children), and initiated the Clothing Room, where she sorted donated clothing for decades. The Clothing Room in the new ACCAG building has been appropriately named in her honor. She also served on the boards of the Vermont State Governor's Scenery Preservation Council, the Champlain Valley Area on Aging Agency, and chaired the Episcopal Diocesan Commission on Community Services. She was a 10-year volunteer for the Vermont State Public Health Department's Well Child Clinic, was among the first hospice volunteers, and was a founder of the FISH Volunteer Service of Meals on Wheels. In recognition of her outstanding volunteer work and

IN MEMORIAM

WENDY PEIRSON NOURJIAN '65

April 18, 1946 - May 3, 1999

by Nancy Stead, *Stowe Reporter*

Wendy Peirson Nourjian died at home Monday, May 3, in the early hours of a bright spring morning she would have relished.

Wendy died the way she lived—fighting cancer with all the guts and grit and curiosity a person could possibly summon, and when it was apparent that the battle was over, she spent her final days making those around her comfortable. With family and closest friends gathered, she bound them with humor and utter candor until the time came to leave them in peace.

Wendy was an outdoor woman: a hiker, an accomplished sailor and skier, a fierce field and ice hockey player. At tennis she roared to the net. When she had had enough of everyday hassles, she would grab a sleeping bag and head to Waterbury Reservoir to sleep under the stars, or join Chico, her Australian shepherd, in the cockpit of her kayak and head out for a paddle. She did not see complications, burdens or failure; she saw paths.

When Wendy learned she had breast cancer, she researched every possible course of traditional and alternative treatment. She also bought a 30-foot sloop in Vermont, sailed it down the Barge Canal and the Hudson River to the Atlantic, and headed up the coast to her beloved childhood home of Marion, Mass. Periodically she paused long enough to race back to Vermont for chemotherapy treatments. Her cancer and her boat were voyages of discovery; she said just before she died that even having cancer was fun because she met so many amazing people and learned so much.

Above all, Wendy loved being a mother. She adored her children, Gregg, Disa, Erica, and Galen, but they only took a fraction of her mothering genes. So she helped found the Stowe Skating Club and launched a generation of skaters, coached hockey, taught skiing, and started the Mt. Mansfield Academy, thus nurturing a generation of skiers. Her life was about doing the very best she could do; she was intensely competitive, yet never cared about winning.

A woman of high personal standards, she was nonetheless disinterested in casting judgment. Her faith in people's ability to change nudged her wider surrogate family into facing their fears and taking charge of their lives.

Finally, it must be noted that Wendy was without pretense. Going to a party meant adding a necklace to the corduroys she had been wearing all day. Her solutions to the side effects of chemotherapy were inspired, if basic, and her kids remarked that she always remembered when it was time to buy them a new hockey stick, but never thought of clothes.

Wendy was born on Easter Sunday in Brookline, Mass. She graduated from Beaver Country Day and, then in 1966, from Middlebury College. She is survived by her friend and husband, Bruce; sisters Marcia Kretchmer, Patricia DeBruyn, Virginia Morgan, and Beverly Sheer; and children Gregg '88, Disa, Erica '92, and Galen.

community involvement, she received an honorary degree from the College at Commencement 1994, and she was presented in April of 1998 with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service. She leaves her husband, Professor Emeritus of American Literature Howard M. Munford '34; daughter Martha Munford Hillemann '79; son David Munford '72; three grandchildren (including Caroline Hillemann '88), and three great-grandchildren.

37 **Marjorie Fielden Kimball**, 83, of Raleigh, NC, on May 18, 1999. With a master's in education, she taught English and Latin in Rochester, NY, for more than 30 years. She retired to Winchester, VA, and then to Raleigh in 1992. Preceded in death by husband Willard A. Kimball, she is survived by daughters Carol Reynolds, Beverly Carey, and Jan Kimball; sons Robert and Jack Kimball; and nine grandchildren.

Arthur F. Jacques, 81, of Walnut Creek, CA, on April 15, 1999. He enlisted in the Navy and served in the Pacific for three years during World War II. From 1948 until his retirement in 1981, he was a marketing executive for Towle Manufacturing Co., the Newburyport, MA, silvermaking company. Shortly after graduation, he married Eleanor Jeschke '39, who survives him. They had two children, Christopher Jacques and Nancy Jacques Lahait.

Robert Malvern, 84, of Barre, VT, on June 9, 1999. He was salutatorian of his class and majored in Latin and Greek. A former professor of Greek and Hebrew at Nashotah House Seminary in Nashotah, WI, he was a contributing writer to several Episcopal Church publications. He belonged to Christ Episcopal Church in Montpelier and was a longtime volunteer at the Vermont Historical Society. There are no known survivors.

38 **Mary Heckman Beach**, 81, of Durham, NC, on April 13, 1999. She served as dean of women at Antioch College, where her husband was on the faculty. During his tenure at Duke Univ., Mrs. Beach participated in many campus and community activities. She was president of the Lakewood School PTA, president of the Campus Club, a docent at the Duke Museum of Art, and worked at the Duke Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, son Richard Beach, daughters Margo Sullivan and Elizabeth Ann Beach, and five grandchildren.

Phyllis Malcolm Mithassel, 82, of Seattle, WA, on August 11, 1999. She lived in Alaska for 25 years. With first husband Steve McCutcheon, she owned a camera shop and traveled throughout Alaska as a free-lance photographer. She lived in California with second husband Ted Mithassel, a master mariner, until his death in 1973. She continued to enjoy traveling all over the world, did volunteer work, and was a life member of Soroptimist International. Survivors include one brother.

Alice Chase Wells, 82, of Upper Montclair, NJ, on May 16, 1999. Active in community affairs, Mrs. Wells was past president of the Norgate-at-Roslyn Garden Club of Roslyn, NY; a member of the Women's Club of Upper Montclair; past president of the Garden Club of Montclair; a trusteee and secretary of the citizens committee of the Presby Memorial Iris Gardens; and a member of the women's committee of the Montclair Art Museum. She is survived by husband Thomas M. Wells, daughter Deborah Dye, son Thomas Wells, three grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

39 **Marjorie Marsh Veronneau**, 81, of Ithaca, NY, on June 25, 1999. With an M.S. in political science from Southern CT State College (1969), she taught political science for several years

at New Haven Univ. and then history at the Hopkins School in New Haven, CT. She retired from Yale Univ. School of Medicine, where she was an administrative aide for 10 years. Predeceased by son Martin Boyd, she is survived by daughter Joy Veronneau and two grandsons.

40 **Irene McGaughy O'Connor**, 81, Beverly Farms, MA, on June 28, 1999. She taught at the Perkins School for the Blind and for 33 years at the Shore Country Day School in Beverly. Together with her late husband, Raymond O'Connor, she operated a summer camp for children from 1941 to 1974. After retiring she worked with infants at the Beverly Hospital Child Development Center. Predeceased by a son, Jackson O'Connor, she is survived by son Vail O'Connor, two granddaughters, and a sister.

Pauline Carleton Steuer, 79, of Middlebury, VT, on May 22, 1999. With a librarian degree from Columbia Univ., she worked in law libraries at Amherst College, OH State Univ., and the Univ. of OK. She received a doctorate from the Univ. of Miami (FL) Law School in 1963 and served as law librarian in Ft. Lauderdale and Miami until her retirement to Middlebury. Predeceased by husband Robert Steuer and by a sister, she is survived by an aunt, several nieces and nephews, and Middlebury cousins Eleanor Foote Cartmell '31, Peter V. Foote '80, and Richard P. Foote '80. Middlebury relatives, now deceased, include mother Kathleen Foote Carleton '11; sister Eloise Carleton Mercado '50; aunts Estelle J. Foote '20 and Sylvia Pastene Foote '19; uncle Ralph A. Foote '17; and cousins Emma Easton Towne '11, Alice M. Easton '14, Bernice Benedict Benjamin '42, and Janice Foote Guglin '50.

Audrey Hargreaves Timberlake, 80, of Amherst, MA, on July 29, 1999. She completed graduate work at Columbia Univ. and the Univ. of NH, taught high school English in Dover and Lexington, MA, and later managed the practice of her husband, Dr. Ralph M. Timberlake, Jr. She was an avid gardener and sang in church and community choruses. Besides her husband of 55 years, she leaves sons Ralph and Douglas, daughter Shelley Svoboda, four grandchildren, and twin great-granddaughters.

41 **Marjorie Smith Storer**, 79, of Brunswick, ME, on April 29, 1999. With a master's in library science from Simmons College, she established programs to provide books to small communities in northern VT and NY, and worked in the libraries at the Dept. of Commerce (Albany, NY), Bowdoin College, Brunswick schools, and the Topsham Public Library. She helped develop a library system in the Philippines and was a founding member of the Brunswick area League of Women Voters, serving as secretary on the state board. She received an award from First Lady Barbara Bush for her work with Literacy Action in the DC area. Predeceased in 1985 by son Taylor, she is survived by husband James A. Storer, son Joel Storer, and one grandson.

42 **Ruth Montgomery Titsworth**, 78, of Advance, NC, on June 13, 1999. Before retirement to Seabrook Island, SC, she and her family lived in Boston and Pittsburgh. Her interests included church life at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, hospital volunteering, opera board, and traveling. She is survived by husband Edwin J. Titsworth, daughters Carolyn Slavin and Tracy Moore, son Edwin Jr., and three grandchildren.

Frederick E. Whitehouse, 80, of North Port, FL, on June 11, 1999. He was a photographer and newspaper editor in New England before moving to Severna Park, MD, where he was an on-site technician at the Project Mercury Tracking Station in the early days of the space industry. He was an engineering writer for several defense companies, retiring to North Port in 1985. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Nancy Hall Whitehouse '42; daughters Willow Whitehouse and Linda Crum; and three grandchildren.

44 **Robert Liebert III**, 76, of Sanford, NC, on April 26, 1999. A veteran of World War II, he was a B-29 pilot, receiving the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal. He worked with U.S. Customs for 33 years on the Canadian border in VT. Retiring to Sanford in 1978, he was a active member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Venila (Magoon); daughter Linda Liebert; and son Richard Liebert.

Robert R. "Bobo" Sheehan, 76, of Middlebury, VT, on September 3, 1999. A veteran of World War II, he was a dive bomber in the Naval Air Corps. He coached football, baseball, golf, and skiing at Middlebury College from 1945 to 1967. His ski teams produced two national titles and 11 Eastern championships. In 1956 he coached the men's alpine Olympic team. The Sheehan chairlift at the

IN MEMORIAM

RICHARD DOUGLAS '65

DECEMBER 31, 1942 - MAY 3, 1999

Richard Douglas devoted much of his life to overcoming the frustrating barriers which prevent disabled people from leading normal lives. From the time he was diagnosed with muscular sclerosis in 1970 (five years after graduating from Middlebury), to the time of his death from cancer in 1999, he was committed to making the personal and social changes necessary to maintain dignity and freedom despite his illness. His dedication made him a national spokesperson and advocate for the rights of the disabled.

Before he could help others, Douglas had to overcome his own fears about being disabled. In 1997 he received an Alumni Achievement Award and gave a Twilight Lecture at the College in which he shared his personal experience. "I was confused, worried, and scared to death," he said about the diagnosis. As hard as it was initially for him to accept his disability, he soon realized that life does indeed go on. Douglas was inspired and encouraged by Ed Roberts in Berkeley, the leader of the "independent living" movement of the '60s.

Yet no amount of self-acceptance could override the fact that much of the world is simply unprepared (and occasionally unwilling) to deal with disabled persons. In this regard,

Richard Douglas found his life's work: to educate and transform the public perception of disability. He worked in Vermont, acting as director of vocational rehabilitation for six years, later joining the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities Act a year after the adoption of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He was the first person with a disability to serve as the Committee's executive director (1991-1995). Douglas focused on the necessity of allowing disabled people into the work force; he believed with all his heart in breaking down the barriers between disabled and non-disabled people by helping the disabled to regain their fundamental independence.

In response to an alumni inquiry in 1990, he wrote: "Not everything has turned out the way I planned or wanted, sure. Love today and looking forward to whatever comes along."

Richard Douglas is survived by his wife, Nancy Flinn; daughter Carrie Douglas; son David Douglas; stepsons Christopher, Jeffrey, Jason, and Aaron Flinn; mother and stepfather Francie and Phillip Allen; two sisters; and three granddaughters.

Snow Bowl was named in his honor. He later owned the Reno (NV) Ski Shop and retired to Palm Springs, CA. During the summers, he continued to live in Middlebury, where he presided over the Sheehan Family Classic Golf Tournament at the Ralph Myhre course, with appearances by his LPGA Hall-of-Fame daughter, Patty. He is survived by wife Leslie (Ireland); sons Butch, Jack, and Steve; daughter Patty; siblings Rae Cummings and Jim Sheehan; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. See the memoriam to Bobo Sheehan, page 89.

45 **Ruth Taylor Wilcoxson**, 76, of Naperville, IL, on July 20, 1999. She was editor of a weekly newspaper, the *News-Record*, in Maplewood, NJ, for several years, and was a media representative for Kroehler Manufacturing Co. in Naperville. In North Aurora, she was a claims adjuster for the IL Dept. of Unemployment Security for 17 years, retiring in 1995. An active member of Knox Presbyterian Church, she also served on the board of the Samaritan Interfaith Counseling Center. Survivors include daughter Lesley Wilcoxson, son Keith Wilcoxson, and four grandchildren.

47 **Janet Kraft West**, 72, of Bainbridge Island, WA, on May 1, 1999. Moving to the Seattle area in 1948, she taught English and journalism at Bainbridge High School, retiring in 1987. As a volunteer, she worked at human service agencies on Bainbridge Island and at ACLU in Seattle, she tutored Russian visitors, and was involved in an affordable housing program. Elected mayor of Bainbridge Island, she served for three and a half years, resigning 1997, when she broke her hip while traveling in France. Predeceased by husband Edward West and grandson Christopher Deaton, she is survived by sons Duncan and Malcolm, daughters Victoria and Nancy, and three grandchildren.

52 **George F. Wedge**, 71, of Lawrence, KS, on June 5, 1999. Before coming to Middlebury, he served in the Navy (1945-1948) and attended the Naval Academy at Annapolis (1948 to 1950). With a master's in English and history and a Ph.D. in English and Latin (both Univ. of MN), he joined the English faculty at the Univ. of KS, retiring in 1993. One of the founders of the linguistics dept., he was editor of *Cottonwood Magazine* and Press and advisory editor of *Kansas Quarterly*. He published numerous papers on the relationship of creativity, alcohol, and drugs. Survivors include wife Margaret Nasmith Wedge '52, son Philip Wedge, daughters Alberta Wedge and Louise Pennewell, and five grandchildren.

54 **Blair A. Powell**, 66, of Chatham, NJ, on May 15, 1999. He retired in 1992 as a VP in the private banking department of Citibank in NYC, where he had started his business career 35 years earlier. In 1992, he also retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve as a commander. He held a law degree from NYU Law School and was admitted to the NY State Bar. Surviving are wife Janet (Black), daughters Lauren Derrig and Lynne Delino, and four grandchildren.

59 **Jeffrey L. Tomash**, 61, of New York, NY, on January 19, 1999. He held a master's in English from the Univ. of MI (1960) and taught French at the James Madison High School in Brooklyn, NY.

63 **Susan Whitlock Roesler**, 58, of Boulder, CO, on May 24, 1999, of cancer. In 1961, she married John O. Roesler, who was commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps. Her husband was killed in action on January 26, 1968. Mrs. Roesler received her degree in anthropology and fine art from the Univ. of CO. As an artist, her works were shown in a number of galleries, including the National Gallery in Washington, DC, and the Denver Arts Museum. She established the Colorado Artists Registry in 1984 and served as the director until her death. Preceded in death by her husband and infant son Sean Roesler, she is survived by daughter Collin Culbertson and a sister.

64 **Margaret Roache Wenzel**, 56, of Coventry, CT, on June 9, 1999. With a master's from Trinity College in Hartford, she was retired from teaching English at East Catholic High School in Manchester. She studied for many years at the Silvermine Guild of Artists. Survivors include daughter Jennifer LeLand, sons Scott and Christopher LeLand, two grandchildren, a sister, and her mother, Frances Roache.

74 **Frank J. Eppich**, 41, of San Francisco, CA, on May 7, 1994. He worked for Pacific Telephone, traveled extensively, and received an M.A. in economics (1984) from San Francisco State Univ. Avidly interested in the global economy and world politics, he was also involved in many causes, including the Harvey Milk Gay and Lesbian Democratic Club. He was employed by the Cardiovascular Research Institute of the Univ. of CA in San Francisco. He leaves his partner, Rick Cassaro.

91 **James E. Appleby III**, 29, of New York, NY, on June 2, 1999. A 1987 graduate of Mechanicsburg (PA) High School, he majored in physics and music composition at Middlebury, where he was salutatorian of his class and elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa. In New York City, he was employed in the human resources department of DoubleClick. He was a member of Mechanicsburg Church of the Brethren. Surviving are his parents, James E. and Susan Linn Appleby, Jr., and a brother, Mark D. Appleby.

00 **Ezra Andersen**, 22, of New Marlborough, MA, late July, 1999. He was last seen July 20; his body was discovered in a wooded area near his home several days later. Cause of death had not been determined. A religion major at Middlebury, he was expected to graduate in May 2000. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David G. Andersen, and by siblings Nicholas, Jesse, and Merina.

LANGUAGE SCHOOLS

32 **Virgie M. Bauer**, M.A. French, 94, of Dover, DE, on April 12, 1999. She was a teacher of English and foreign languages from 1922 until 1969.

33 **Esther Rosen Weiser**, M.A. French, 101, of Sarasota, FL, on June 11, 1999. She taught French and Spanish in New York City, retiring in 1961.

48 **Eleanor Fowler Delarede**, English, 90, of Ojai, CA, on May 19, 1999. She taught elementary, junior high, and senior high English in New York State.

58 **Charles A. Bruce**, M.A. French, of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, on December 29, 1998. He was an editor with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

62 **Nancy Scott Wiener**, M.A. French, 77, of Doylestown, PA, on January 26, 1999.

65 **Mary Mouyous**, M.A. French, of West Roxbury, MA, on August 1, 1996.

George Rubenfeld, M.A. French, of Winnipeg, MB, on January 13, 1991.

73 **James R. Lyons**, M.Litt., 73, of Yarmouthport, MA, on July 28, 1999.

74 **Charlotte Promersberger Johnston**, M.A. German, 60, of Fallbrook, CA, on April 16, 1999. She taught German, English, and social studies in Milwaukee until 1996.

79 **Angela Young Bosserman**, Russian, 49, of San Leandro, CA, on January 12, 1998.

87 **Charles G. Lenaghan**, S.J., M.A. Spanish, 76, of Chicago, IL, on June 6, 1999. An Irish Jesuit priest, he was the Spanish-speaking associate pastor of St. Philomena Catholic Church, where 90 percent of the 700 families are Hispanic.

96 **Shirley S. Davis**, English, of Westwood, NJ, on April 10, 1999. She taught French and was a former head of Miss Fine's Preparatory School, Princeton.

FACULTY

Page L. Edwards, Jr., Bread Loaf Writers' Conference, 57, of St. Augustine, FL, on January 7, 1999. He was an author and librarian in MA.

Honorary Doctor of Laws (1987). **John Minor Wisdom**, 93, of New Orleans, LA, on May 15, 1999. In nearly 42 years on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Judge Wisdom ordered integration at the Univ. of Mississippi and also joined decisions that eliminated racial discrimination in jury selection and voter registration in Louisiana. In recognition of his work, President Clinton awarded him the Presidential Medal of Freedom in November 1993.

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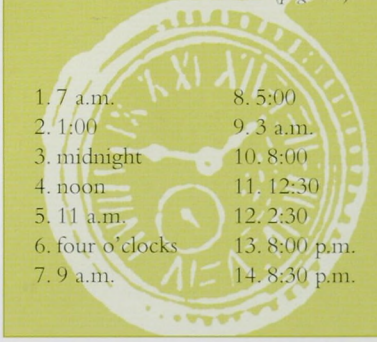

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IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING BOBO

ROBERT R. SHEEHAN '44
SEPTEMBER 9, 1922 - SEPTEMBER 3, 1999

by John Morton '68

It was an evening early in September 1964. I had endured the anxiety of Freshman Orientation and had survived the terror of opening day classes, motivated almost entirely by anticipation of the first organizational meeting of the ski team, the primary reason I had enrolled at Middlebury. The stuffy classroom in the field house contained a constellation of America's brightest skiing stars: Gordi Eaton '62, Roger Buchika '66, Peter Ruschp '66, Tommy Easton '66, and others. Several had been collegiate champions, national team members, and even Olympic veterans.

A white-haired man with a sunburned face sat at the front of the room, smiling as he bantered with the upperclassmen. After brief introductions and a few suggestions for conditioning workouts during the fall, the coach singled out the incoming freshmen.

"Well boys, as you can see, good alpine skiers are a dime a dozen around here, hah hah hah. . . . If you guys want to ski for Middlebury, you'd better train hard and learn to ski cross-country." That was my introduction to Bobo Sheehan, and it was the best advice I've ever had.

Growing up in Newport, Vermont, Bobo excelled at several sports, but it was skiing that drew him to Middlebury. After a tour of duty as a Navy carrier pilot, he returned to Middlebury in 1945 and at various times coached football, baseball, tennis, and golf, in addition to his primary sport, skiing. The success of his Middlebury teams included 11 Eastern championships and two NCAA titles. He was selected to coach the U.S. Men's Alpine Team at the Winter Olympics in Cortina, Italy.

The most distinctive aspect of Bobo's coaching style was his easy-going sense of humor. Early each ski season at Middlebury, when racers industriously waxed their skis, Bobo would casually inspect the progress of the freshmen. The experienced upperclassmen waited quietly for the inevitable trap.

"Boy, Skip, that looks like a good smooth coat. Just don't forget to wax the groove."

The upperclassmen kept waxing, but the freshmen looked at each other in confusion, until someone asked, "Uh, Bobo, you want us to wax the groove?"

Bobo's response usually came over his shoulder as he strolled from the ski room. "Gee, I dunno Skipper, do you ski on the groove?"

In February 1965, the Middlebury varsity beat a powerful Dartmouth team at their Winter Carnival in Hanover, by half a point. It was also a victory of coaching styles. Bobo was relaxed, almost carefree, and rarely rattled, even in the heat of competition. No doubt slamming dive bombers onto the pitching deck of an aircraft carrier at night in a storm helped to keep the stress of ski coaching in its proper perspective.

In contrast, Al Merrill was organized, disciplined, and carefully supervised every aspect of the impressive Dartmouth program. It seemed to us that Dartmouth spent hours testing waxes before every cross-country event, while Bobo would arrive minutes before the start, cork in whatever happened to be in his pocket, and send us to the race with the assurance, "Kick down hard, boys, and you can make it work."

Winning the Dartmouth carnival that year was a big deal. As white-coated waiters cleared plates after the lavish banquet, and the beautiful carnival queen took her place behind the awards table, Bobo leaned forward and rumbled, "Now listen boys, these Greenies always rub our noses in it when they whip us, so don't you be afraid to let 'em know who won this carnival."

Gordi Eaton followed Bobo's remark with an ominous threat, "Don't bother coming back to this table if you don't kiss the queen when she hands over your trophy." With prizes for the top three finishers in the four events for freshmen and four more for the varsity, the carnival queen was looking pretty bedraggled by the time she picked up the final award, first place in the Alpine Combined. Gordi Eaton's chair clattered to the floor as he sprinted to the front of the hall. Ignoring the trophy, the Middlebury captain swept the queen into his arms and headed for the door, as the Dartmouth men scowled. Bobo, however, beamed with satisfaction.

A surprising number of Bobo's athletes have maintained a lifetime connection to skiing, through business, coaching, or as master competitors. Anyone who raced for Bobo Sheehan can still hear that distinctive laugh and see his smile, an ever present reminder that skiing, first and foremost, should be fun. The key to Bobo's coaching success, and the reason so many of us still thrive on the sport nearly a half century later, is that he showed us how to keep the joy in competition, even at the top level.

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(Letters continued from page 7)

As a premier environmental college, Middlebury should have more courage (and faith in its intrinsic beauty) than to surrender to the perceived or actual materialistic demands of graduating high school seniors. In other words, McCardell's assertion that "better food, phones, and Internet links in every room, more complete health and counseling services, less spartan facilities" will help bring us "more than our share of the best students available" seems, in addition to being a sorry commentary, is a morally weak position. Self-reliance and a degree of asceticism have created some of the greatest souls and minds in human history, not the pampering and hedonism epitomized by the new Grille (which, admittedly, is a lucious place to sip smoothies) and the eight new Greenwich-style social houses situated along Adirondack Row (which, admittedly, seem like they would be fun places to guzzle from kegs of Otter Creek brew).

I would also add my voice to those who are offended by this magazine. The cover photograph of David Stoll (Spring '99) alone symbolized all that is wrong with the Ivory Tower which Middlebury is whitening with each passing year. The accompanying article was an abomination and, from what I can discern, not a fair and accurate portrayal of the professor's work. While I find Stoll's book mildly irritating, I find this magazine which tries so hard to convey a certain Utopian image of Middlebury even more disdainful. Editing out information about a gay alumnus' "partner" is patently wrong, regardless of your views on homosexuality.

Alexander Lee '97
South Royalton, VT

A Responsibility to Lead by Example

As graduates of Middlebury College and 37-year residents of Addison County, we are deeply disappointed that the College in its recent growth process is not promoting or modeling values which we believe are crucial for the health and very existence of our local and global communitties. The construction of the new science building has only strengthened our concern. To what degree does the new science build-

ing, or for that matter any other building at Middlebury, reflect the following issues: the true short-term and long-term cost to the world of the building's construction and maintenance; the process, including information and awareness of the origin of the material used to build the building, the personal and environmental costs of their procurement, as well as the careful assessment that materials used are free of carcinogens, mutagens, or endocrine disrupters; the source and quantity of energy used; the connectedness to place, community, and the larger web of life; the design of the building reflecting appropriate scale and style, and communicating harmony with the surrounding community; the engaging of students, faculty, staff, and interested members of the wider community in the design process.

We believe that modeling is the most powerful form of teaching. If students are not reminded of the challenges which face the global community on a day-to-day basis, then, as expressed in an article, "Architecture as Pedagogy," from *Orion Afield*, "Students begin to suspect that those issues (climatic change, biotic impoverishment, and the unraveling of the fabric of life on earth) are unreal, or that they are unsolvable in any practical way, or that they occur somewhere else." In conclusion we emphatically agree that, "More than any institution in modern society, colleges and universities have a moral stake in the health, beauty, and integrity of the world our students will inherit."

John Beattie '66
Brennan Michaels '66
Salisbury, VT

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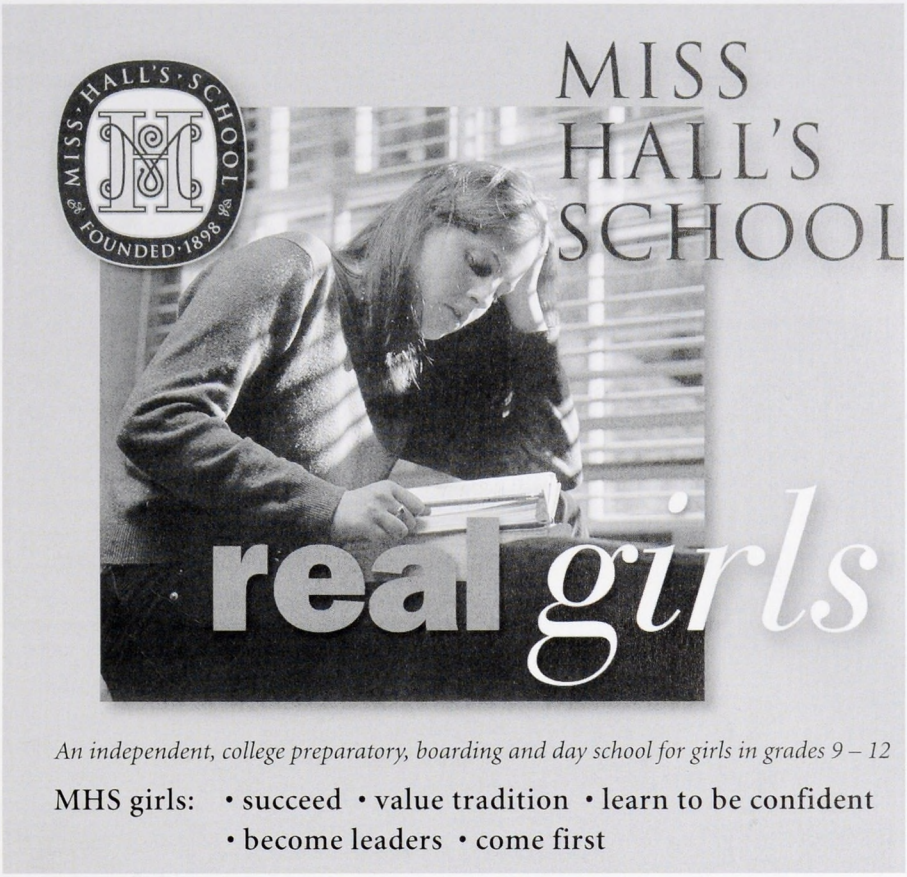
Priority is given to letters addressing issues discussed in the magazine. On any given subject we will print letters that address that subject and letters responding to those first letters. Then we'll move on to other topics. We try to print all letters, but if quantity exceeds space available, a representative sample appears. Letters may be edited for brevity or clarity. Send letters to: Letters, Middlebury Magazine, Meeker House, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753

CORRECTION

In the summer issue the honorary degree recipients listed were February graduates. The May graduates included 75 magna cum laudes and 25 summa cum laudes.



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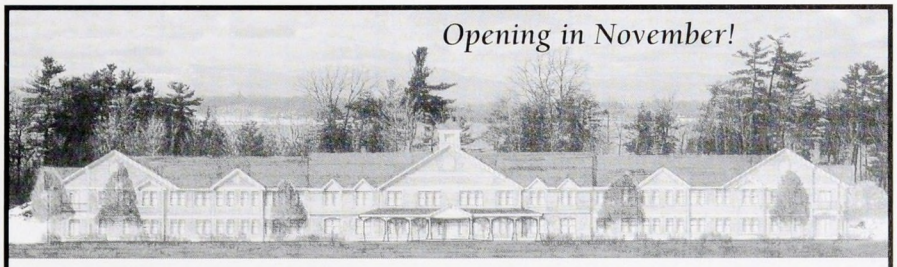

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Burn Out the Old

(BRING IN THE NEW)

BY DREW SCHEMBRE '83

I DISTRUST NEW YEAR'S AS A TIME FOR RESOLUTIONS. January first has never brought me much insight, except perhaps the thought that next year I ought to exercise more restraint. And although this year's *fin de millennium* celebrations promise to clean the slate for everyone and provide a polished springboard to launch into the brave new world, I suspect, come 08:00, 01/01/00, many of us will only brew a strong pot of coffee and face the chores of the day.

For me, Labor Day still signals the start of the real New Year. There's something about the hint of fall and the shortening light that says, "Brush off the sand, put the toys away, and do something productive again." By the time August closes, in my mind I'm packing up my dad's station wagon and making the trek north to see what Middlebury has in store for me this time around.

So I was surprised last fall not only to find myself back on the East Coast after nine years in the part of the country where you can ski without ever sharpening your edges, but to be actually driving up the Thruway on Labor Day weekend. I was heading to

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Hinesburg, where my friend Steve hosts his annual end-of-summer bacchanal. The party offered a chance to catch up with friends and bike on uninterrupted country roads. I had moved to Manhattan from Utah the previous June and was feeling overcrowded and underventilated. Despite the crush of 8 million neighbors, I experienced more isolation in New York than any time since, well, freshman week.

The centerpiece of this party would be a large bonfire. Into the fire would go your particular symbol of a failed or unfinished summer project. In doing this, you were released from any obligation to complete it and could then move on to the cooler months guilt-free. Planned to take a trip to the Pyrenees but a crisis at work squashed it? No problem. Toss that Lonely Planet *Spain* on the fire! ¡Bueno! Didn't finish those Adirondack chairs? (The ones you had imagined you'd sit in *à la* Bread Loaf while you finally read *Magic Mountain* and *Ulysses).* Heft those badly cut slats—yes, just like that, oh yes! Instant absolution!

I had collected a fair amount of my own flotsam over the past year. Why not jettison it as part of a grand, ceremonial purge? Slash and burn, then move on.

My trip, like all good trips north, would take me through Middlebury. I hadn't been through campus in several years and I became nervous about what I might find. Even the most beautiful campus can't match the rarefied vistas of memory.

But when I drove up College Street, the College on the hill was pretty much the way I'd left it. Staid fieldstone buildings with fresh white paint, separated by expansive rolling lawns. Each door a portal to memories, each window a glimpse at forgotten optimism, each walkway an untested option.

I parked in front of Proctor Hall and did the usual walk through campus, down the hill, past lecture halls and dormitories, trying to remember names and classes. The sense of awe hadn't diminished. Wow, what a beautiful place! Did I appreciate it when I was 18?

I walked over to Allen Hall, a little hesitant about revisiting that awkward freshman who entered a world where everyone else seemed so attractive and comfortable and talented. There, I encountered a string of SUVs, (today's panel wagons), with anxious parents unloading their new collegiates. About then I did the math. These first-year students, these radiant, excited new members of the class of the third year of the third millennium were exactly half my age. When I was entering Allen's doors for the first time, they were *in utero.* When they reach my age, I'll be close to retirement. Epochs shrank into a handful of graduations, eons compressed into the time it takes for bellbottoms to return.

Back in the shadow of Proctor, I mounted my creaky road bike and took the bumpy shortcut through the cemetery where I used to read on warm spring days to take advantage of the solitude. Back out Route 30, I passed the impressive new Center for the Performing Arts and the work on the new stadium and then rode over the hill (the symbolism of this descent was not lost on me), toward Cornwall. This was the route to the swimming hole at the quarry where half the school gathered one weekend at the end of classes. Did the D-8 really break into spontaneous *a capella* as if in some Annette Funicello movie? Then along the path to the Halfway House Diner where we drove many late nights after I finished bartending at the Rosebud, for the three-egg, three-sausage, three-pancake breakfast ($3.00).

The smell of manure on the plowed fields unleashed memories like the smell of Swann's madeleines. But my thought kept returning to the incoming first year students. How old would they be when my kids reached this campus? This had become an academic question, since the closest I had come to marriage had just ended a couple of weeks earlier on the Upper West Side, when I moved into a studio about the size of my sophomore dormroom (which would cost yearly about twice my freshman tuition). It had been a turbulent four-year relationship, but during its many buccolic periods we named our kids and schemed at creating a flawless generation. During one of these periods, at Christmas the year before, I made her a jewelry box from an old cigar case from Mexico where we had traveled and lived the previous year. I stained and strengthened the delicate wood, and filled it with soft black felt. Inside I left one of the three expensive cigars that I had had to purchase to get the box. And a ring. She pondered the ring question for several months and returned the cigar when I moved out.

Two hours later, exhausted as much from the memories as from the ride, I climbed Route 125 toward campus. The sun dipped behind me, casting a long, big-wheeled caricature of myself, a Giacometti figure atop two great ellipses, stretching toward the College. Ahead of me the blinking yellow light by Adirondack stood sentinel to the campus behind the crest. Not Gatsby's green light on the distant dock, perhaps, but then this beacon flashed for those staring at 40. Caution. Don't stop; continue slowly.

I reached the party just as they lit the bonfire. Dead tomato plants, a broken canoe paddle, and a window frame went in to big applause. My bag held a couple of items I had intended to immolate. A photo of my ex, an invitation to our last party, an old bikini top, and the Te-Amo Robusto cigar. I imagined some dramatic display as I hurled each item on the pyre. There would be laughs and hoots and congratulations from a group of guys who understood such things.

Then I looked around in the fading light. My friends were no longer college students; in fact they have been adults for as long as the current new students have been alive. They didn't need to see this puerile display. And despite the promises of cleansing, it would take more than the ignition of effigies to move beyond some things. Mostly time. I stuffed all of the items deeper into my bag except the Robusto, which I quietly lit with a stick from the side of the fire. Grow up. Take responsibility. Be kind. I took a long pull through the tart, chocolatey leaves, blowing a small cloud toward the west. As good resolutions as any, I thought, and whispered, "*Happy New Year.*"

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EDUCATED Opinion

Bread Loaf Diary

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BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS, I will have graduated from America's foremost literary boot camp, the Bread Loaf Writers' Conference. If the muses are willing, and the South Branch of the Middlebury River doesn't rise, I'll be joining 200-odd writerly wannabes who will fork over $2,000 apiece for 11 days of writing lessons from 20 even odder already-yams.

Actually, wannabes is not the word. We don't just wanna, we gotta. A few of us even show clarion signs of gonna. The "contributors," as most Bread Loaf attendees are known, are selected on the basis of submitted manuscripts from an ever-growing applicant pool. With all those potential paying customers to choose from, Director Michael Collier deserves enormous credit for limiting and even reducing, to 10, the workshop student/teacher ratio, ensuring personal attention for all.

This year, unlike 1996, I will not be one of those 10. In 1999 I am officially an auditor. Each workshop has two auditor slots. Being an auditor imposes a small but important civil disability—I may not receive a private manuscript critique from Ed Hirsch. Fortunately, in the years since my last Bread Loaf tour, I have developed several other reliable sources for expert feedback on my work. Each workshop is led by a well-known senior writer—mine will be the poet

ILLUSTRATION BY REINHOLD LANGE

Ed Hirsch—assisted by a fellow. A fellow has published one book; the senior writer many, in Hirsch's case six.

Many of the faculty are celebrities, as poets and writers go, which is to say, not very far. No American poet is a celebrity in the true sense of the word, on the exalted level of, say Fran Drescher. (If you know who she is, shame on you. Watch less TV and read more poetry.)

Drescher is the Nanny, the screech-voiced protagonist in an embarrassing TV sitcom of the same name. In the first day or two after Princess Diana died in a car wreck, when it was still widely supposed that the accident had been caused by those pesky paparazzi, Miss Drescher, arriving at a movie premiere, emerged from her limousine to answer a TV reporter's request for a comment. "The photographers are a terrible problem," she said, pulling her nonfur wrap protectively around her shoulders, "for those of us in The Celebrity Community."

The Celebrity Community! The Celebrity Community contains no poets. This despite the fact that The Celebrity Community has lately shown remarkable catholicity and inclusiveness in who may become, and remain, a celebrity. It is no longer necessary to be a movie star, a sports champion, or a Kennedy. Today Martha Stewart is a full-fledged celebrity, merely for performing, albeit with more than common enthusiasm, the humblest of domestic chores.

Martha yes, but poets, never. No matter how far this new liberality may extend, it will never reach down to the poets. Poets are not celebrity material. They are invisible to paparazzi; their images do not register on film. They emerge from their own cars. They have no agents, no managers, no handlers. Poets all handle themselves.

Would you like to take a famous poet to lunch? Just ask. The phone number is listed. The schedule is open. And if the poet, when reached, displays the least hesitation about joining a importunate stranger for lunch, simply say these magic words: "My treat!"

(On second thought, perhaps a poet might conceivably enter The Celebrity Community. Naturally, it could not be for writing poetry, only for some other, more celebratable, unique personal achievement or lucky accident. Sending a series of letter bombs comes to mind, and has worked in the recent past. Receiving even one letter bomb can also be the ticket.)

The real reason poets cannot be celebrities is that so many of them are teachers. For few poets can ever entirely quit their day jobs. You don't sell poems; you give them away. Typical payment for allowing a respected national literary journal to publish your poetry is two free copies of the magazine. So poets teach. Which brings me to the perennially annoying question: "Can poetry be taught?"

The question never seems to go away. As a student I was asked it at least once a month. As a teacher it comes more like once a week. In the wisdom of middle age and early parenthood, I have finally learned to reply, almost politely, "Why in the world would poetry be the only purposeful human activity that cannot be taught?"

The questioner, brought up short by my logic, always tries again, immediately reframing the question. "I mean, I know you could tell them how many lines in a sonnet, and what's the rhyme scheme, and all that. But can you really truly teach Poetry?"

That capital P on Poetry is the giveaway. It means that poetry is not an ability. Nor is it a vocational skill, like editing, embalming, or embezzlement. Rather, it is an ineffability. Poetry, in the firm opinion of everyone who doesn't write poetry and the most deluded three-quarters of those who do, is not something you create. It is something you already have. It is a state of grace, glorious but undeserved. It's like the blues, like style, like class, like jazz. It is a shrug, a *je-ne-sais-quoi*. It is "If-you-don't-know-I-can't-tell-you." It is a magical divine fluid, a mythical ichor supposed to flow in the veins and flood the internal cavities of The Talented Other. Who's got it? Not me. Not you. Only those favored by, or born of, the gods.

Once, I believed that crap. Sometimes I still do. But not this week. They can teach. I can learn. I'm going up the mountain tomorrow, and I'm not coming down until I can write poetry.

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NOTHING GOLD CAN STAY

by Robert Frost 1923

Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.

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